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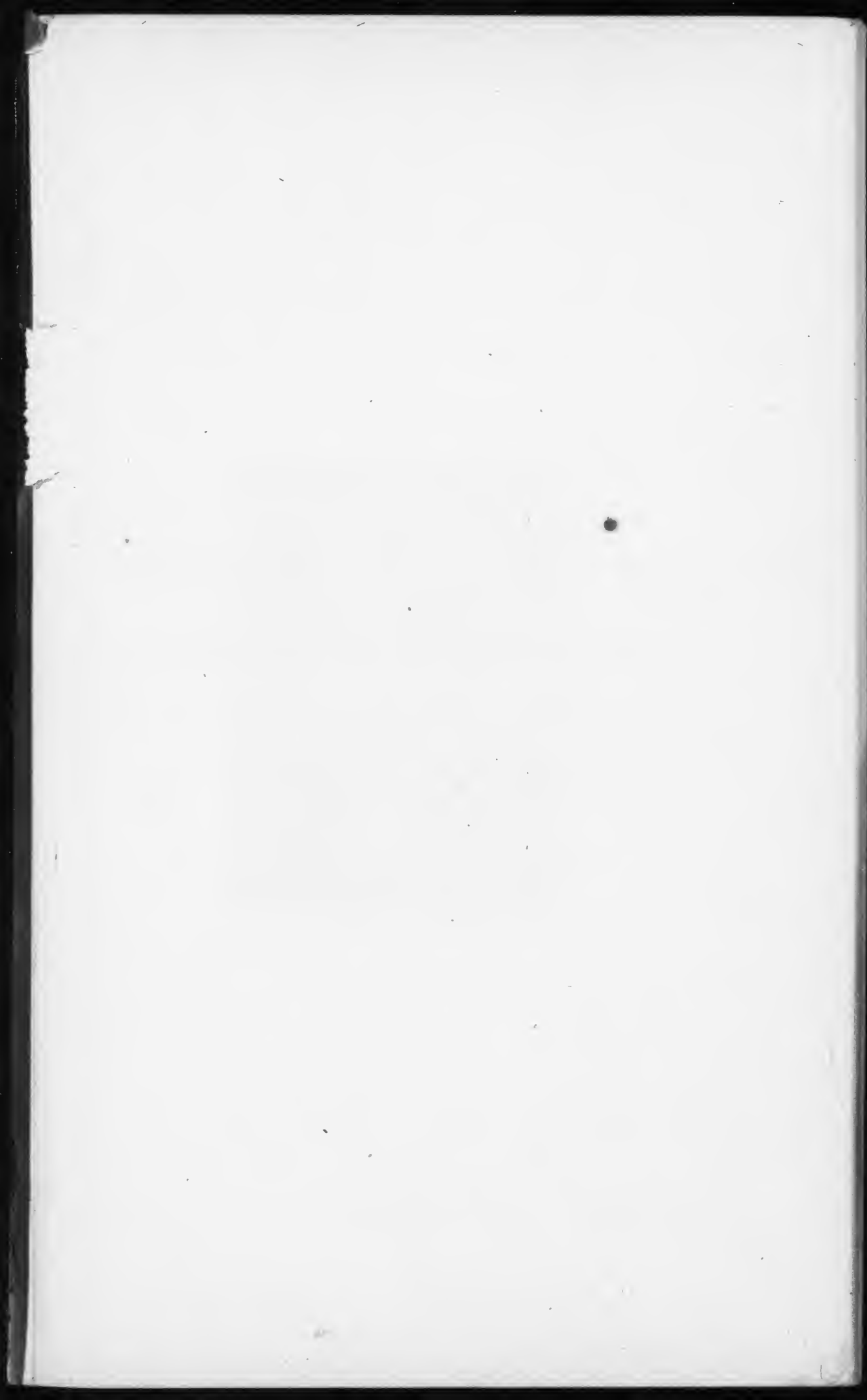
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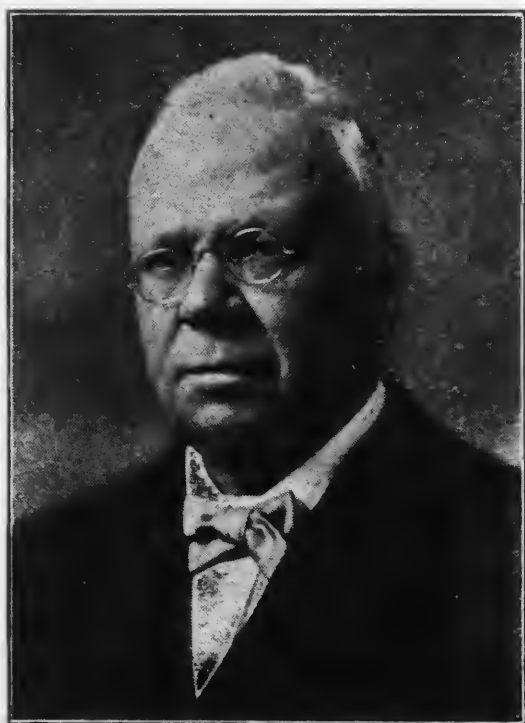
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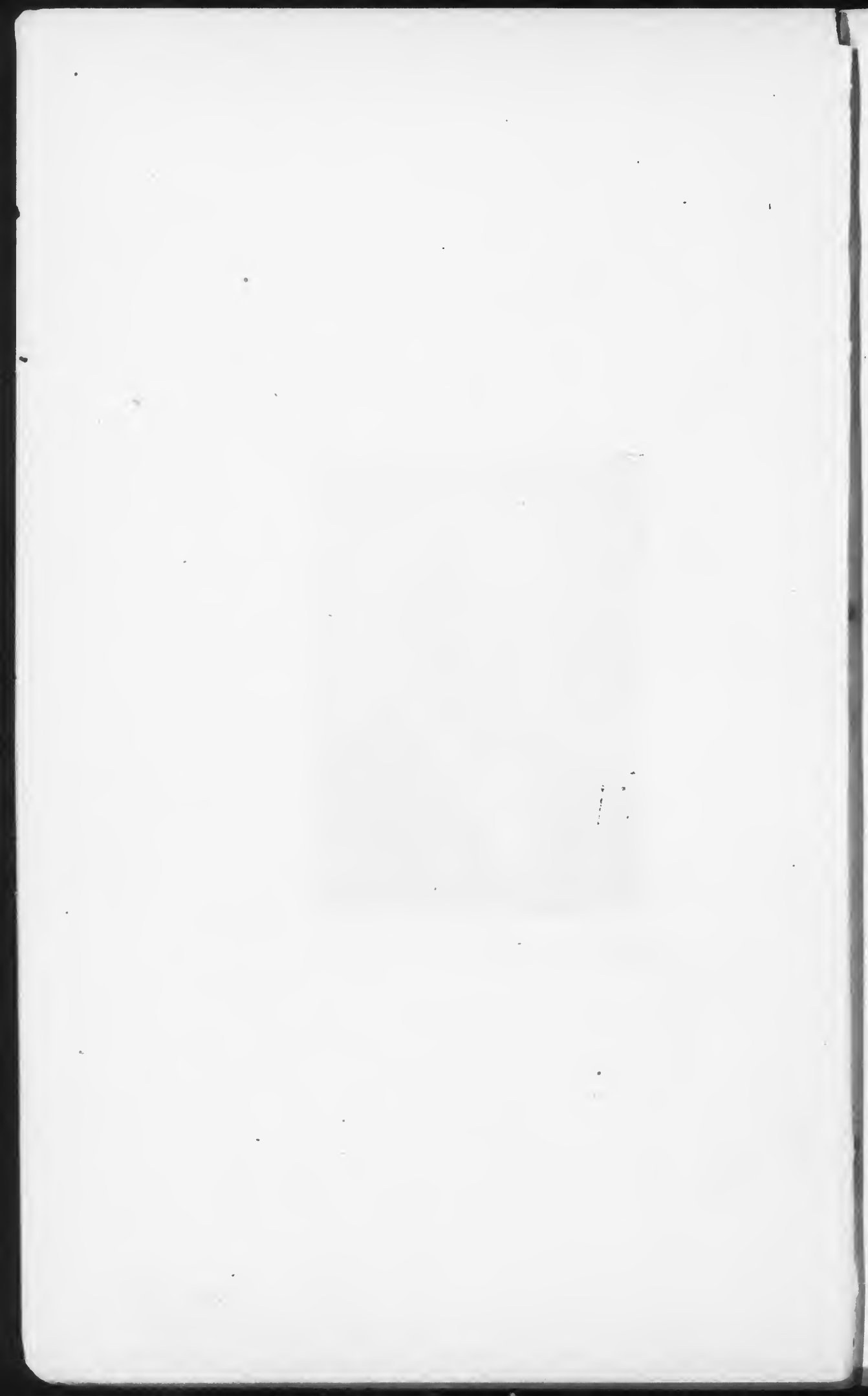
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- CONFERENCE RELATIONS—J. P. Jenkins, W. E. Hartung, E. Holgate, E. E. Hunt, R. A. Bruce, M. E. Nickerson.
- AUDITING DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT ACCOUNTS—E. F. Lovett, G. N. Gage, John Wood, R. B. Hughes, Roy Palmer, E. Redmayne.
- CHURCH LITERATURE—Fred Lonsdale, I. W. Ellis, Thomas Davies, P. V. Brethorst, A. L. Wilson.
- POSTOFFICE—G. H. Book, B. F. Stiles, Frank Tanner, George Carter, M. L. Sunderlin, A. H. Beardsley.
- HOSPITALS—A. E. Buriff, R. A. Bruce, W. N. Deller, Duane Rifenbark, J. S. Hoagland, Homer Minish.
- EPWORTH LEAGUE—Fred H. Ray, C. H. Graf, C. B. Harrold, W. E. Hartung, Albert Hartt, C. E. Wilcox.
- AUDITING TREASURER'S ACCOUNT—E. E. Saxton, John Clayton, J. E. McKinney, J. W. McClarinon, P. H. Weston, T. B. Wilbur.
- MEMOIRS—W. O. Redfield, Frank Bromaghim, R. E. Tarleton, John Kaye, S. F. Stitz.
- CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—J. B. Dibble, J. A. Willey, W. E. Gale, P. H. McBeth, H. G. Ozanne, B. F. Stiles.

CONFERENCE ANNIVERSARIES.

Tuesday, September 30.

- 7:30 P. M.—Address of Welcome—A. M. Randolph, Mayor of Redfield. The Rev. Stephen G. Butcher, Minister of Congregational Church.
Response—Rev. J. S. Hoagland, D. D., Mitchell, S. D.
- 8:15 P. M.—Anniversary of Epworth League—Rev. Fred Ray, presiding. Address—Wilbur F. Sheridan, D. D., Chicago, Ill.

Wednesday, October 1.

- 2:00 P. M.—Missionary sermon—I. M. Hargett.
- 3:00 P. M.—Missionary Conference—James Crowther, A. M., New York.
- 4:00 P. M.—Evangelistic Hour—J. S. Hoagland.
- 8:00 P. M.—Anniversary of Home Mission and Church Extension—M. E. Nickerson, presiding. Address, J. H. Coker, D. D., Denver.

Thursday, October 2.

- 2:00 P. M.—Temperance Anniversary, R. C. Shearer, presiding. Address—Clarence T. Wilson, D. D., Topeka, Kan.
- 3:00 P. M.—Anniversary of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Mrs. J. P. Jenkins, presiding.
- 4:00 P. M.—Evangelistic Hour, J. S. Hoagland. Address—Miss Alice Brethorst.
- 8:00 P. M.—Anniversary of Foreign Missions, W. A. Black, presiding. Address—James Crowther, A. M.

Friday, October 3.

- 2:00 P. M.—Deaconess Anniversary, R. G. Minkler, presiding. Address—Daniel H. Howell, D. D., Buffalo, N. Y.
- 3:00 P. M.—Anniversary Women's Home Missionary Society, Mrs. W. S. Shepherd, presiding. Address—Mrs. D. B. Street, Washington, D. C.
- 4:00 P. M.—Visit to the Northern Hospital, located at Redfield.
- 7:00 P. M.—Laymen's Banquet, Congregational Church Parlors.
- 8:00 P. M.—Laymen's Meeting—J. M. Johnston, presiding. Address—Judge Pollock, North Dakota.

Saturday, October 4.

- 2:30 P. M.—Anniversary of Conference Claimants, S. E. Brown, presiding. Address—J. A. Mulfinger, D. D.
- 8:00 P. M.—Educational Anniversary—J. P. Jenkins, presiding. Address—John M. Hancher, D. D., Secretary of Board of Education. Address—William Grant Seaman, President Dakota Wesleyan University.

Sunday, October 5.

- 9:00 A. M.—Conference Love Feast, conducted by Rev. I. M. Hargett.
- 10:30 A. M.—Morning Worship and Sermon by Bishop Luccock.
- 2:30 P. M.—Ordination and Baptismal Service.
- 7:30 P. M.—Anniversary of Bible Society, W. N. Deller presiding. Address—S. H. Kirkbride, D. D., Chicago.

CONFERENCE ROLL—EFFECTIVE MEMBERS.

Name.	Present Address	Entered Itinerary.		Entered Dakota Conference.			
		Conf.	When	How	When	From What	Conf.
Aitcheson, R. J., Gregory....		Ind. M. E. Ch.	....	Cred.	1911		
Bennett, E. A., Lake Preston.		N. W. Iowa.	1908	Trans.	1912	N. W. Iowa	
Black, W. A., Yankton.....		Troy	1882	Trans.	1909	Des Moines	
Boyce, O. E., Watertown.....		Dakota	1900	Prob.	1902		
Boslaugh, C. C., Frankfort...		Dakota	1905	Prob.	1907		
Brethorst, P. V., Alcester....		Dakota	1911	Prob.	1913		
Bromaghim, F. L., Cresbard.		Dakota	1891	Prob.	1895		
Brown, G. D., Madison.....		Dakota	1895	Prob.	1897		
Brown, S. E., Groton		Des Moines..	1888	Trans.	1909	Des Moines	
Bruce, R. A., Brookings.....		Iowa	1900	Trans.	1911	Iowa	
Bunt, P. O., Alexandria.....		Dakota	1900	Prob.	1902		
Buriff, A. E., Huron.....		Iowa	....	Trans.	1909	Iowa	
Butterfield, O. W., Clark.....		N. W. Iowa.	1901	Prob.	1903		
Calfee, W. J., Cody, Wyo....		Nebraska	....	Trans.	1906		
Carhart, A. E., Mitchell		Dakota	1890	Prob.	1892		
Case, H. L., Hot Springs.....		N. W. Iowa.	....	Trans.	1913	Black Hills	
Clark, C. B., Hot Springs....		Iowa	1862	Trans.	1886	Iowa	
Clayton, John, Iroquois.....		Dakota	1907	Prob.	1909		
Crowther, J. E., New York...		Dakota	1902	Prob.	1904		
Darling, L. W., Doland.....		Dakota	1906	Prob.	1911		
Davies, Thos., White Rock...		Dakota	1910	Prob.	1912		
Deller, W. N., Sioux Falls....		Dakota	1910	Prob.	1912		
Dibble, J. B., Beresford.....		Dakota	1888	Prob.	1890		
Dobson, J. O., Mt. Vernon, Ia.		Upper Ia.	1883	Trans.	1892	Upper Iowa	
Dudgeon, W. J., Bradley.....		Dakota	1911	Prob.	1913		
Dunn, F. B., Hecla		Des Moines..	1886	Trans.	1904	Des Moines	
Eberhart, H. P., Parker.....		Dakota	1905	Prob.	1907		
Ebert, J. H., Bristol.....		Dakota	1912	Prob.	1913		
Edwards, J. A., Deadwood....		N. W. Iowa.	....	Trans.	1913	N. W. Iowa	
Egner, G. D., Ethan		N. W. Neb.	1905	Trans.	1908	N. W. Neb.	
Ellis, J. S., Conde		Dakota	1910	Prob.	1912		
Ellis, I. W., Bath.....		S. Ill.	1905	Trans.	1911	S. Illinois	
Faith, F. M., Belle Fourche..		Montana	....	....	1913		
Fanebust, Nels, Garretson....		Dakota	1906	Prob.	1911		
Ferguson, W. T., Mt. Vernon.		St. Louis	1898	Trans.	1908	St. Louis	
Fish, E. J., Custer		Nebraska	....	Trans.	1913	Black Hills	
Franklin, J. F., Claremont...		W. Wis.	1906	Trans.	1910	W. Wisconsin	
Gage, G. N., Valley Springs..		Erie	....	Readmit.	1912	Erie	
Gale, W. E., Chamberlain.....		N. New York	1894	Trans.	1903	N. New York	
Gardner, Paul, Woonsocket..		Des Moines..	1898	Trans.	1905	Des Moines	
Gibson, J. F., Vermillion.....		Des Moines..	1888	Trans.	1911	Des Moines	
Gilliland, C. V., Mitchell....		Upper Ia.	1898	Trans.	1905	Upper Ia.	
Graf, C. H., Hartford.....		Dakota	1907	Prob.	1909		
Greene, W. A., Geddes.....		Dakota	1895	Prob.	1897		
Gurney, J. T., Midland.....		Detroit	1909	Trans.	1900	Detroit	
Habgood, M. T., Langford...		Dakota	1909	Prob.	1911		
Hager, C. E., Rapid City.....		Upper Ia.	1876	Ch. M'r.	1885	Upper Ia.	
Hargett, I. M., Wess'ton Spgs.		N. W. Iowa.	....	Trans.	1910	N. W. Iowa.	
Harkness, J. S., Aberdeen....		Wes'n Ch.	....	Cred.	1894		
Harrold, C. B., Mitchell.....		Dakota	1909	Prob.	1911		
Hartt, Albert, Britton.....		E. Maine	1901	Trans.	1909	E. Maine	
Hartung, W. E., Spearfish...		Dakota	1906	Prob.	1909		
Hoagland, J. S., Mitchell.....		N. W. Ind.	1892	Trans.	1909	N. W. Ind.	
Hocking, A. E., Highmore....		Dakota	1904	Prob.	1907		
Holgate, Ernest, Redfield....		Dakota	1907	Prob.	1909		

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		How	When	How.	When	From What Conf.
Holmes, E. E., Waubay.....		N. W. Ind..	1904	Trans.	1911	N. W. Ind.
Hoyer, A. J., Egan.....		Dakota	1909	Prob.	1911	
Hughes, R. B., White Lake..		Black Hills.	1897	Trans.	1906	
Hunter, J. M., Webster.....		Dakota	1906	Prob.	1908	
Hunt, E. E., Salem.....		Nebraska ...	....	Trans.	1911	Illinois
Hyde, O. M., Plankinton.....		Dakota	1901	Prob.	1903	
Jackson, O. P., Harrisburg...		Dakota	1910	Prob.	1912	
Janes, A. P., Dell Rapids.....		Dakota	1888	Prob.	1890	
Jenkins, J. P., Mitchell.....		Dakota	1883	Prob.	1887	
Johnson, N. P., Carpenter....		W. N. Dan..	1892	Trans.	1899	W. N. Danish
Kaye, John, Scotland		Dakota	1895	Prob.	1897	
Kearton, J. H., Miller.....		Dakota	1903	Prob.	1905	
Kenderdine, Percy, Coleman.		Minnesota ..	....	Trans.	1913	Minnesota
Lane, L. L., Mitchell.....		Dakota	1896	Prob.	1899	
Lawson, P. J., Edgemont....		Nebraska ...	....	Trans.	1913	Black Hills
Layne, L. L., Minneapolis, Min		Dakota	1905	Prob.	1907	
Lee, Harry, Seneca.....		E. Maine ...	1902	Trans.	1913	Oregon
Lewis, F. F., Watertown.....		Indiana	1905	Trans.	1912	Indiana
Lott, A. M., Frederick		N. W. Kan..	1887	Trans.	1912	Des Moines
Loveall, A. S., Howard.....		W. Va.	1878	Trans.	1905	
Lucas, J. W., Dallas.....		N. Indiana ..	....	Readmit. ...	1907	
Machemer, E. O., Artesian...		Dakota	1904	Prob.	1907	
Matteson, C. E., Rapid City..		Dakota	1890	Trans.	1912	N. W. Iowa
Mathews, G. T., Tulare		Dakota	1908	Prob.	1910	
Minkler, R. G., Garden City..		N. W. Iowa ..	1906	Trans.	1911	N. W. Iowa
McBeth, J. H., Mitchell		Dakota	1901	Prob.	1903	
McDonald, L. A., Wakonda...		Dakota	1906	Prob.	1911	
McEldowney, B. W., Hazel...		Des Moines..	1900	Prob.	1902	
McKinney, J. E., Ashton.....		N. Dakota ..	....	Trans.	1910	N. Dakota
MacLean, A. C., Minneapolis.		Dakota	1902	Prob.	1904	
McReynolds, R. C., B'falo Gap		Oklahoma ..	....	Trans.	1913	Black Hills
Morrison, F. E., Andover....		Iowa .....	....	Trans.	1910	Iowa
Minish, H. W., Rapid City....		N. Y. East..	....	Trans.	1913	Black Hills
Nicholson, T., New York.....		Michigan ...	1884	Trans.	1903	Upper Iowa
Nickerson, M. E., Alpena...		N. W. Iowa..	1883	Ch. Member.	1885	
Notson, G. T., Huron		Des Moines..	1891	Trans.	1894	Des Moines
Oakley, John, DeSmet.....		Dakota	1908	Prob.	1910	
Ozanne, H. G., White.....		N. India ...	1904	Trans.	1907	N. India
Page, F. C., Melette.....		Dakota	1907	Prob.	1909	
Potter, J. W., Sioux Falls....		Iowa	1885	Trans.	1911	Iowa
Potter, I. P., Canistota.....		Dakota	1895	Prob.	1897	
Rawlinson, Fred, Gary.....		Dakota	1908	Prob.	1910	
Ray, F H., Henry		N. W. Iowa..	....	Prob.	1908	
Redfield, W. O., Tripp.....		Dakota	1888	Prob.	1890	
Redmayne, Ernest, Corona...		Dakota	1911	Prob.	1913	
Rice, H. E., Gayville.....		Dakota	1910	Prob.	1912	
Rosenberry, G. W., Sioux Falls		Cent. N. Y..	1893	Trans.	1901	Central N Y.
Sanderson, N. F.		Dakota	1905	Prob.	1907	
Saxton, E. E., Elk Point.....		Dakota	1899	Prob.	1901	
Seaman, W. G., Mitchell.....		Trans.	1912	New England
Seaton, J. L., Cambridge, Mass		Upper Ia....	1895	Trans.	1904	Upper Iowa
Shearer, R. C., Sisseton.....		Dakota	1906	Prob.	1908	
Shepherd, W. S., Mitchell.....		Dakota	1896	Prob.	1898	
Shurtleff, S. H., Tyndall.....		Dakota	1903	Prob.	1905	
Smith, J. T. B., Gettysburg...		N. Min.	1897	Trans.	1911	N. Minnesota

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Spitz, S. F., Roswell.....		N. Min.	1906	Trans.	1906	N. Minnesota
Stiles, B. F., Wessington		U. Brethren.	1903	Prob.	1903	Readmitted, 1913
Stevens, J. D., Tulare.....		Dakota	1907	Prob.	1909	
Tanner, Frank, Chester.....		Dakota	1911	Prob.	1913	
Tarleton, R. E., Arlington....		Dakota	1902	Prob.	1905	
Taylor, O. W., Aberdeen		Minnesota ..	1892	Trans.	1911	Minnesota
Thomas, Martin		Black Hills.	1899	Prob.	1901	
Thurston, A. W., Canton.....		Dakota	1895	Prob.	1897	
Tibbetts, J. M., Milbank.....		N. W. Iowa.	1897	Prob.	1899	
Trevithick, T. H., Platte.....		Dakota	1890	Trans.	1905	Upper Iowa
Vernon, E. E.		Dakota	1909	Prob.	1911	
Walsh, J. L., Lane		Dakota	1909	Prob.	1911	
Wier, Samuel, Mitchell.....		Rock River ..	1887	Trans.	1910	Rock River
Weston, P. H., Central		Dakota	1901	Prob.	1907	
Wilber, T. B., Flandreau....		N. W. Ind... ..	1899	Trans.	1910	N. W. Ind.
Wilcox, C. E., Faulkton.....		Dakota	1906	Prob.	1908	
Wilkinson, W. A., Pierre.....		N. W. Iowa.	1900	Trans.	1904	N. W. Iowa
Wiley, J. A., Selby.....		W. Wis.	1881	Trans.	1908	W. Wisconsin
Wood, John, Clear Lake		Dakota	1907	Prob.	1909	

SUPERNUMERARY MEMBERS.

Name.	Present Address	Entered Itinerary.		Entered Dakota Conference.		
		Conf.	When	How	When	From What Conf.
Crisp, M. R.		Nebraska ...	1910	Trans.	1910	Nebraska
Douglass, W. J., Agate, Neb..		W. Neb.	1903	Trans.	1908	W. Nebraska
Evans, J. D.		Holston	1911	Trans.	1911	Holston
Graham, W. I., Cedar Rpd, Ia		Iowa	1876	Trans.	1897	S. Kansas
Greene, J. C., Chicago.....		Dakota	1908	Prob.	1910	
Kratz, R. N.....		Dakota	1907	Prob.	1909	
Norvell, J. E., Hamilton, Col..		N. W. Iowa.	1883	Ch. Member..	1885	
Payne, J. R., Missoula, Mont..		Iowa	1906	Trans.	1906	Iowa
Richmond, G. M., Huron.....		California ..	1902	Trans.	1912	California
Roush, D. I., Chicago.....		N. Neb.	1908	Trans.	1910	N. Nebraska
Stebbins, C. M., Morrisville, Vt		Vermont ...	1889	Trans.	1906	Troy
Ward, A. M., Northville.....		Dakota	1892	Prob.	1905	

RETIRED MEMBERS.

Name.	Present Address	Entered Itinerary.		Entered Dakota Conference.		
		Conf.	When	How	When	From What Conf.
Chamberlain, D. W., Scotland		N. W. Iowa..	1872	Ch. Member..	1885	
Corwin, G. J., Centerville....		N. W. Iowa..	1883	Prob.	1886	
Deeble, W. D., Conde.....		Dakota	1886	Prob.	1888	
Dean, E. E., Huron		Dakota	1893	Prob.	1896	
Farr, H. I., Turlock, Cal.....		Dakota	1901	Prob.	1902	
Gram, W. O., Bath.....		Dakota	1891	Prob.	1893	
Hall, J. G., Holtville, Cal.....		Ohio	1886	Trans.	1886	Ohio
Hartsough, Lewis, Mt. Vernon		Oneida	1851	Ch. Member.	1885	
Jamison, A., Correctionville,Ia		N. W. Iowa .	1870	Ch. Member.	1885	
Phillips, O. A., Mitchell.....		Und. Bret. .	1863	Ch. Member.	1885	
Rifenbark, D., Big Stone City		N. W. Iowa.	1882	Ch. Member.	1885	
Simmons, T., Faulkton.....		Upper Ia. ...	1875	Ch. Member.	1885	
Tanner, A. E. Mitchell.....		Genesee	1881	Trans.	1885	
Wilkinson, T., Siloam Spgs, Ark		Prim. Meth... ..	1871	Cred.	1891	
Youngman, T. H., Can. C'y, Col		Oneida	1865	Trans.	1891	

CONFERENCE ROLL—PROBATIONERS.

Name.	Received		Class	Address
	Conf.	Year		
Campbell, A. G...	Dakota	1913	First Year	Hill City
Davis, Leslie ...	Dakota	1913	First Year	Oral
King, P. I.....	Dakota	1913	First Year	Colton
Sunderlin, Marion	Dakota	1913	First Year	Armour
Rowden, W. S. ...	Dakota	1913	First Year	Hurley
Ringler, W. H...	Dakota	1913	First Year	Hitchcock
Ratcliffe, Thos...	Dakota	1913	First Year	Cresbard
McDonald, C. E..	Dakota	1912	First Year	Esmond
Marble, Samuel..	Dakota	1912	First Year	Wolsey
Evans, W. H. ...	Dakota	1912	First Year	
Beardsley, A. H..	Dakota	1912	First Year	Sturges
Christianson, N. A.	Dakota	1911	First Year	Greencastle, Ind.
McClarinson, W. J.	Dakota	1909	First Year	Letcher
Weirauch, C. M..	Minnesota	....	First Year	Kapa
Book, G. H.	Dakota	1911	Second Year	Davis
Wilson, A. L.....	Dakota	1911	Second Year	Elkton
Hartley, J. W. ...	Dakota	1911	Second Year	Plainview
Dennison, C. B...	Dakota	1912	Second Year	Bruce
James, J. H.	Dakota	1912	Second Year	Fairfax
Underwood, E. T.	Dakota	1909	Second Year	Wagner
Lovett, E. F.....	Dakota	1912	Second Year	Rockham
Lockridge, C. D..	Address		Second Year	Greencastle, Ind.

PASTORS, NOT MEMBERS.

Names	Addresses	Names	Addresses
Arnold, W. B....	St. Lawrence	Jackson, Olin ...	Mitchell
Arms, D. C.....	Flandreau	Kelly, L. G. J....	Winner
Arms, C. D.....	Hudson	Kidder, W. S....	Draper
Bowler, J. W....	Bowdle	Krins, J. R.....	Centerville
Brown, L. F.....	Northville	Leake, W. E.....	Farmer
Biggar, C. O.....	Pukwana	Langdon, T. S. ..	Junius
Black, T. J.....	Kimball	Lonsdale, Fred ..	Oelrichs
Baker, J. C.....	Boneita Springs	Mansveld, K. K..	Colome
Baker, L. O.....	Quinn	Olds, S. C.	Iona
Carter, Geo.	Leola	Percy, A. W.	Presho
Collins, J. W. A..	Gettysburg	Peacock, G. M....	Murdo
Cooney, E. B.....	Oldham	Palmer, Roy	Wall
Davis, S. M.	Terry	Potter, W. N....	Springfield
Evans, D. G.....		Quayle, Geo.	Pierre
Edlund, Julius ..	Caputa	Rising, Lloyd H.	Broadland
Frizelle, Frank ..	Fulton	Ratcliffe, D. C...	Florence
Gillespie, I. H...	Philip	Surface, S. E....	Stickney
Harrold, E. H....	Westport	Williams, J. E. ..	Blunt
Howell, R. M....	Bridgewater	Wagoner, C. G...	Newell
Ingham, —	Irene		

Journal of Session

First Day.

Wednesday, October 1, 1913.

Opening—Following; devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. J. S. Hoagland of Mitchell, S. D., the twenty-ninth session of the Dakotal Annual Conference convened in the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Redfield, S. D., October 1, 1913, at 9 o'clock a. m., Bishop Naphtali Luccock presiding. The Bishop opened the sacramental service with a few remarks. He then asked the Conference to join in singing "the battle hymn of the church," Faith of Our aFthers." At the request of the Bishop, Rev. Thomas Nicholson, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education, sounded the keynote of the sacramental service. The Bishop administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, assisted by the District Superintendents and the Rev. J. H. Coker, the Rev. J. E. Crowther and the Rev. A. C. Stevens.

Roll Call—The secretary of the last Conference called the roll and the following responded: R. J. Aitcheson, W. A. Black, O. E. Boyce, C. C. Boslaugh, A. E. Carhart, C. J. Corwin, J. E. Crowther, G. D. Brown, S. E. Brown, F. L. Bromaghim, R. A. Bruce, P. O. Bunt, A. E. Buriff, L. W. Darling, W. D. Deeble, J. B. Dibble, F. B. Dunn, G. D. Egner, I. W. Ellis, J. S. Ellis, Nels Fanebust, W. T. Ferguson, J. F. Franklin, G. N. Gage, W. E. Gale, Paul Gardner, J. F. Gibson, C. H. Graf, W. A. Greene, J. T. Gurney, M. T. Habgood, I. M. Hargett, J. S. Harkness, C. B. Harold, Albert Hartt, W. E. Hartung, J. S. Hoagland, Ernest Holgate, A. E. Hocking, E. E. Holmes, A. J. Hoyer, R. B. Hughes, J. M. Hunter, E. E. Hunt, O. P. Jackson, A. Jamison, J. P. Jenkins, N. P. Johnson, John Kaye, J. H. Kearton, A. M. Lott, A. S. Loveall E. O. Machemer, C. E. Mattison, G. T. Matthews, R. G. Minkler, L. A. McDonald, J. E. McKinney, F. E. Morrison, M. E. Nickerson, Thomas Nicholson, G. T. Notson, H. G. Ozanne, F. C. Page, I. P. Potter, Fred Rawlinson, F. H. Ray, W. O. Redfield, H. E. Rice, G. M. Richmond, G. W. Rosenberry, E. E. Saxton, R. C. Shearer, W. S. Shepherd, T. Simmons, S. H. Shurtleff, J. T. B. Smith, S. F. Spitz, J. D. Stevens, O. W. Taylor, A. W. Thurston, J. M. Tibbetts, T. H. Trevithick, E. E. Vernon, J. L. Walsh, T. B. Wilber, C. E. Wilcox, W. A. Wilkinson, J. A. Willey, John Wood.

Probationers—Wm. N. Deller, A. H. Beardsley, G. H. Book, P. V. Brethorst, W. J. Dudgeon, A. L. Wilson, Frank Tanner, Ernest Redmayne, E. T. Underwood, T. W. Bradley, S. W. Marble, C. E. McDonald, E. L. Lovett, C. B. Dennison, J. H. James, J. H. Ebert.

Deceased Members—The Conference stood while the names of the members who died during the year were called as follows: Henry M. Springer, Francis T. Norton.

Organization—On motion of G. W. Rosenberry, G. D. Brown was re-elected secretary, and on his nomination I. M. Hargett, H. P. Eberhart and F. E. Morrison were elected assistant secretaries.

On motion of A. W. Thurston, F. L. Bromaghim was elected statistical secretary, and on his nomination F. C. Page, E. F. Lovett, W. E. Gale, E. E. Saxton and R. G. Minkler were elected assistant statisticians.

On motion of J. S. Harkness, J. M. Hunter was re-elected treasurer, and on his nomination R. C. Shearer, C. E. Mattison, H. E. Rice and Wm. N. Deller were elected assistant treasurers.

Conference Bar—On motion of J. E. Crowther the bar of the Conference was fixed to include the first seven pews of the main auditorium.

Reporters—On motion of G. T. Notson, J. T. B. Smith was elected reporter for the Northwestern Christian Advocate and the Minneapolis dailies.

On motion of Thos. Nicholson, the district superintendent of the Aberdeen District and the pastor of the Redfield M. E. Church were constituted a committee to appoint a reporter for the local press.

Postmaster—On motion of G. W. Rosenberry, O. M. Hyde was re-elected postmaster.

Dividends—The Bishop announced dividends from the Book Concern of \$1,997, and from the chartered fund of \$30. The drafts were turned over to the Treasurer.

Transfers—The Bishop announced the following transfers to this Conference; Harry Lee, from the Oregon Conference; C. V. Gilliland, to the St. Louis Conference and back to the Dakota Conference; Harry Burrows, from the Idaho Conference and out to the Nebraska Conference; F. E. White and U. S. Crowder to the Columbia River Conference.

Statistical Session—The Conference held a statistical session, in accordance with the action of a previous Conference.

Special Order—On motion of G. T. Notson, the time for the consideration of the merger of the Black Hills Mission with Dakota Conference was fixed for 11:00 a. m. today.

Woman Suffrage—Miss M. Jean Wilkinson, a representative of the South Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union, was presented to the Conference by the Bishop, and she addressed the Conference.

On motion of J. S. Harkness, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, We believe the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of South Dakota is doing a great and noble work for humanity; and

Whereas, We believe their power for accomplishing good would be greatly increased if the women of the state had the right of suffrage; and

Whereas, On the principle of justice we believe it unfair to withhold the power to vote from intelligent women who ask for this right,

on the ground that it is a protective one and helpful to them; therefore be it.

Resolved, That we, the Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, endorse the equal suffrage amendment to come before the voters in 1914, and promise to do all in our power to aid in its adoption, and we assure the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of our fidelity and support, and wish them God speed.

Greetings—A telegram of greetings was received from the State Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in session at Watertown, S. D., and the secretary read the same to the Conference.

On motion the secretary was requested to return greetings to the Convention.

Question 14—"Was the character of each preacher examined?" was taken up. J. S. Harkness, District Superintendent of Aberdeen District, was passed in character and he read his report.

Sale of Churches—On request of G. T. Notson the sale of our church at Carthage was authorized. The conference granted a like request by J. S. Harkness for the sale of our church at Roscoe, S. D.

Order of the Day—On motion of J. P. Jenkins, and after discussion, the merger of the Black Hills Mission with the Dakota Conference was carried by a standing vote of 81 for and 6 against. The Bishop announced the union effected.

Conference Relations—On motion of G. D. Brown, all candidates for admission on trial and into full membership, and all members desiring change of relationship, shall be referred to the Committee on Conference Relations; and in all cases where the cabinet unanimously agrees they may refer the case of any member to this committee without Conference action.

On motion of S. E. Brown the printed program was made official.

The Standing Committees were called and the necessary changes made. The pastor made announcements and the Conference adjourned.

Second Day.

Thursday, October 2, 1913.

Opening—The devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. J. S. Hoagland, after which the Bishop took the chair at 9 o'clock a. m. and called for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. The secretary read the minutes and they were approved.

Question 14 was resumed. O. E. Boyce, district superintendent of Watertown District, was passed in character and read his report.

On motion of O. E. Boyce, the secretary was requested to send to Lawrence L. Layne, who lies seriously ill in Asbury Hospital, the sympathy and love of the Conference.

By special request of the Bishop, the Watertown District male chorus, under the leadership of Mrs. O. E. Boyce, favored the Conference with two selections..

G. W. Rosenberry, District Superintendent of the Sioux Falls District, was passed in character and read his report.

Greetings—On motion of S. E. Brown, the secretary was requested to send greetings to the State Synod of the Presbyterian Church, now in session at Groton, S. D.

Introductions—Clarence True Wilson, corresponding secretary of the Church Temperance Society; Alice Brethorst, our missionary to China, now home on furlough; S. Marie Brethorst, missionary under appointment to China; Hilda C. Holmberg, missionary under appointment to Malaysia, were introduced to the Conference.

E. Robb Zaring, D.D., editor of the Northwestern Christian Advocate; J. A. Mulfinger, D.D., recording secretary Board of Conference Claimants; Thos. Nicholson, corresponding secretary Board of Education; J. P. Jenkins, D.D., field secretary Dakota Wesleyan University; and I. N. Halliday, general secretary South Dakota Sunday School Association, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

On motion of W. A. Black, the Conference took a ten minute recess.

After the recess G. W. Rosenberry presented the proposition of surrendering our work and turning over our church properties in Meckling and Worthing to the people of the Congregational Church in exchange for their work and property at Garretson.

On motion of Thomas Nicholson, the Conference authorized the Bishop, the district superintendent of Sioux Falls District, and the pastors involved to take the necessary steps to effect the change.

On motion of G. T. Notson, E. E. Hunt and the secretary were appointed a committee to send a message of sympathy to Frank Beck, missionary in South America, whose mother was recently claimed by death.

Congratulations—On motion of A. J. Aitcheson, the Conference instructed the secretary to send a message to our Conference missionaries in Mexico, congratulating them upon their heroism in remaining at their posts in the face of danger, and the assurance of our support and prayers.

Order of the Day—At this time, in accordance with the order of the Conference Session of 1911, memorial services were held, conducted by R. E. Tarleton. J. P. Jenkins gave a brief address in remembrance of the late H. M. Springer. A. E. Carhart spoke for the late F. J. Norton. Other brethren also spoke words of appreciation in memory of these deceased brothers.

Resolution—On motion of R. A. Bruce, the following resolution was adopted:

Inasmuch as the taking of collections at the anniversaries of the various benevolent boards of the church often works a hardship; and

Whereas, as a rule, the preachers give from their charges all they can afford; therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that no collections shall be taken at this session unless authorized by the Conference.

Examiners—The Bishop announced the appointment of the following members to the Board of Examiners: Class of 1917, J. P. Jenkins, T. B. Wilber, H. G. Ozanne; to fill vacancy in class of 1915, R. G. Minkler.

Announcements were made, the benediction was pronounced and the Conference adjourned.

Third Day.

Friday, October 3, 1913.

Opening—The devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. J. S. Hoagland, after which the Bishop took the chair at 9 o'clock a. m. The minutes were read and approved.

Delinquent Notes—On motion of G. T. Notson, the notes given by the ministers to the Conference Claimants' Fund, which have become delinquent, were referred to the Conference Board of Trustees with authority to take action.

Introductions—C. V. Gilliland, A. M., professor in Dakota Wesleyan University; John W. Hancher, S. T. D., counselor of the Board of Education, were introduced to the Conference.

Solon C. Bronson, D.D., professor in Garrett Biblical Institute; Daniel W. Howell, D.D., corresponding secretary General Deaconess Board; Matthew J. Trenery, D.D., superintendent Extension Department Board of Sunday Schools; C. T. Wilson, corresponding secretary Church Temperance Society; R. N. Holsapple, D.D., state superintendent Anti-Saloon League; Miss Elinore Moore, superintendent Deaconess Hospital, Brookings, S. D., and Mrs. D. B. Street, representative of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

Greetings—A. C. MacLean brought a message of greeting from Lawrence L. Layne.

Excused—J. E. Crowther was excused from further attendance upon the Conference.

W. O. Redfield was excused from further attendance upon the Conference on account of the serious illness of his wife. On motion of G. T. Notson, the secretary was requested to send a telegram of sympathy to Bro. Redfield.

Ford Automobile—On motion of J. S. Harkness the following resolution was adopted:

Inasmuch as the Ford automobile has received such favorable mention by several of the district superintendents in their reports to the Methodist Conference of South Dakota as having rendered them

most efficient service, and therefore has received much advertising before this body, therefore be it

Resolved, That the secretary be asked to write to Mr. Ford, telling him of this favorable mention of his splendid car and setting before him the fact that our college, the Dakota Wesleyan University, located at Mitchell, S. D., is greatly in need of an automobile, and that this body would greatly appreciate the gift from him of a Ford car to this institution.

On motion of G. T. Notson, the place of meeting for the next Conference session was made the order of the day for Saturday, October 4, at 11 a. m.

On motion of John Wood, the proposition of pooling the railroad expenses of the members of the Conference to the next session was made the order of the day for 10:00 a. m. Saturday, October 4.

On motion of G. D. Brown, the report of the Hospital Commission was made the order of the day for 10:00 a. m. Saturday, October 4-

On motion of J. S. Hoagland, the Conference voted to hold a session Saturday at 2:30 p. m.

Finance Commission—J. E. Crowther and Dr. Parker addressed the conference in the interests of the Commission on Finance.

Upon the nomination of the cabinet the following were elected as the Conference Commission on Finance:

Aberdeen District—J. S. Harkness, R. C. Shearer, U. G. Johnson.

Huron District—G. T. Notson, C. E. Wilcox, W. T. McConnell.

Mitchell District—W. S. Shepherd, P. O. Bunt, S. E. Morris.

Sioux Falls District—G. W. Rosenberry, W. D. Deller, Wallace Wright.

Watertown District—O. E. Boyce, E. A. Bennett, F. S. Brown.

Rapid City District—C. E. Matteson, W. E. Hartung.

Laymen—J. M. Johnson, president, and A. T. Downey, secretary, of the Laymen's Association were introduced and they addressed the Conference.

Announcements were made, and after the benediction by Dr. Hancher the Conference adjourned.

Fourth Day.

Saturday, October 4, 1913.

Opening—The devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. F. F. Lewis, Watertown, S. D., and at 9 o'clock a. m. the Bishop took the chair. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Introduction—H. E. Dawes, vice president of the State Anti-Saloon League, was introduced to the Conference.

Dancing in State Schools—On motion of A. E. Buriff, W. A. Black, E. E. Vernon and W. N. Deller were appointed a special committee to consider a communication from the Ministerial Association

of Madison, S. D., concerning dancing in our state schools.

Question 14 was resumed. The following effective elders in charge were called, passed in character, and those present reported their collections: R. E. Tarleton, R. A. Bruce, L. L. Layne, John Wood, J. N. Oakley, A. W. Thurston, C. C. Boslaugh, R. G. Minkler, B. W. McEldowney, A. S. Loveall, E. A. Bennett, A. E. Buriff, F. F. Lewis, H. G. Ozanne, Fred R. Rawlinson, G. D. Brown, I. P. Potter, E. E. Hunt, A. P. Janes, O. M. Hyde, C. H. Graf, H. P. Eberhart, Paul Gardner, John Kaye, J. W. Potter, J. W. Dibble, G. N. Gage, T. B. Wilber, E. E. Saxton, W. A. Black, P. O. Bunt, R. J. Aitcheson, C. M. Stebbins, J. W. Lucas, G. D. Egner, W. A. Greene, W. T. Ferguson, E. E. Holmes, J. T. Gurney, J. S. Hoagland, C. B. Harrold, T. H. Trevithick, W. O. Redfield, S. H. Shurtleff, R. B. Hughes, Nels Fanebust, M. E. Nickerson, R. N. Kratz, N. P. Johnson, C. E. Wilcox, John Clayton, E. O. Machemer, J. H. Kearton, W. A. Wilkinson, S. F. Spitz, J. D. Stevens, I. M. Hargett, J. F. Gibson, Harry Lee, O. W. Taylor, F. E. Morrison, I. W. Ellis, J. E. McKinney, Albert Hartt, J. F. Franklin, W. D. Deeble, F. L. Bromaghim, A. M. Lott, S. E. Brown, F. B. Dunn, J. M. Tibbetts, J. M. Hunter, Ernest Holgate, J. A. Willey, R. C. Shearer, M. R. Crisp.

The following members under special appointment were called and passed in character: Thomas Nicholson, W. G. Seaman,, J. S. Seaton, Samuel Wier, J. P. Jenkins, L. L. Lane, C. V. Gilliland, J. E. Crowther, A. E. Cathart, J. O. Dobson, W. J. Calfee, A. C. MacLean, O. W. Butterfield, A. E. Hocking, N. F. Sanderson, C. B. Clark, C. E. Hager, C. E. Matteson, Paul H. McBeth, W. E. Hartung, P. H. Weston, Martin Thomas.

On motion of J. S. Hoagland, the request of E. V. Fisher to withdraw from the membership and ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church to unite with the Presbyterian Church was granted, and it was ordered that his surrender parchments be properly endorsed and returned to him.

Greetings—A letter of greeting was read from C. B. Clark, and on motion of H. L. Case he was requested to preach a sermon before the Conference at its next session in recognition of his fifty years of service to Methodism.

On motion of G. T. Notson, the following resolution was adopted:

In view of the crisis relative to our church at Pierre we pledge our hearty support of whatever plan the Bishop and his cabinet may recommend to save this property to our beloved Methodism.

Introduction—Governor Frank M. Byrne was introduced by the Bishop and he made a brief address.

TRANSFERS IN—J. A. Edwards, E. J. Fish, H. W. Minish, W. J. Waltz, P. J. Lawson, H. L. Case, F. M. Faith, R. C. McReynolds, Harry Lee were announced as transferred to the Dakota Conference.

Conference Hospital—The following report of the Commission on Hospitals was read:

Hospital Commission—The Hospital Commission recommends that this Conference shall locate one Conference hospital for the State of South Dakota; and inasmuch as propositions have come to the Commission from several cities of the state; and inasmuch as the Commission is not clear in its own mind which of these propositions should be accepted, therefore we further recommend that the several propositions be brought before this body, thus giving the right to each city bringing such propositions to present its case, and leaving the Conference free to act.

(Signed)

J. S. Hoagland, Chairman.

J. S. Hoagland moved the adoption of the report; and it was so ordered.

On motion of J. S. Hoagland, the Conference extended the privilege of the floor to all committees desiring to make representation concerning the location of the hospital.

On motion of G. T. Notson, the other orders of the day were deferred until the hospital matter should be settled.

On motion of G. T. Notson, a time limit of twenty minutes was placed upon each committee.

Committees from Huron, Redfield and Mitchell presented their propositions.

On motion of J. W. Potter, the previous question was ordered, the vote to be taken by ballot.

On motion of A. E. Buriff it was ordered that a majority vote be required.

The Bishop appointed W. A. Wilkinson, W. N. Deller, P. O. Bunt, A. E. Buriff, E. E. Vernon and O. M. Hyde as tellers. The secretary designated H. P. Eberhart as secretary to the tellers.

On motion of I. M. Hargett, A. E. Buriff and W. A. Wilkinson were appointed a committee to secure the vote of those who were absent on account of their work on the staff of the statisticians and treasurers.

G. T. Notson moved that the vote be announced immediately upon the convening of the Conference for the afternoon session, and the motion prevailed.

Pooling Expenses—The resolution of John Wood asking the appointment of a commission to formulate a plan for pooling the railroad expenses of the next session of the Conference was adopted and the following elected as members of that commission: O. W. Taylor, E. O. Machemer, W. A. Greene, J. W. Potter, John Wood, H. W. Minish.

Next Year's Conference—The thirty-sixth question, "Where shall the next conference be held?" was taken up. I. M. Hargett presented an invitation from Wessington Springs and R. A. Bruce an invitation from Brookings. The vote was taken, which resulted in a majority of 31 votes for Wessington Springs. On motion of R. A.

Bruce the choice of Wessington Springs was made unanimous.
Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned.

Fourth Day—Afternoon Session.

Saturday, October 4, 1913.

Opening—The Bishop took the chair at 2:30 p. m. and called for the reading of the minutes of the previous session. They were read and approved.

Conference Hospital—The Bishop announced the vote on the hospital location proposition as follows:

Total number of votes cast	106
Necessary to a choice	54
Blank votes	1
Redfield	5
Huron	29
Mitchell	71

On motion of G. D. Brown, the Conference made the action unanimous in favor of Mitchell.

On motion of E. E. Hunt the Conference ordered the appointing of a railroad secretary, and on motion of J. T. B. Smith, E. E. Hunt was appointed for this office. He nominated the following to act as his assistants: S. O. Brown, E. O. Machemer, G. D. Egner, P. H. McBeth, C. H. Graf, John Wood.

Introductions—Judge Pollock, District Judge of Fargo, N. D.; Miss Alice Bielski, Deaconess of the Helping Hand Mission, Sioux City, Ia.; Samuel Kirkbride, agency secretary of the Northwestern Agency American Bible Society, Miss Elinore Moore, superintendent Deaconess Hospital of Brookings, were introduced and they addressed the Conference.

Greetings—A telegram of greeting was received from the State Synod of the Presbyterian Church in session at Groton, S. D.

Question 8, "Who have been admitted into full membership?" was taken up. Peter V. Brethorst, Frank Tanner, Ernest Redmayne were passed in character, admitted into full membership, elected to deacon's orders and advanced to the studies of the third year.

J. H. Ebert and Wm. N. Deller were passed in character, admitted into full membership and advanced to the studies of the fourth year.

Wesley J. Dudgeon was passed in character, admitted into full membership, graduated from the course of study and elected to elder's orders.

Question 6, "Who have been continued on trial?" was taken up. Geo. H. Book, A. L. Wilson and John W. Hartley were passed in character and continued in the studies of the second year.

Question 10, "What members are in the studies of the fourth year?" was taken up. Maurice T. Habgood, Ernest E. Vernon, Arthur J. Hoyer, Lorne A. McDonald, Geo. T. Matthews were passed

in character, graduated from the course of study and elected to elders' orders.

Thomas Davies was passed in character and continued in the studies of the fourth year.

Question 3, "Who have been readmitted?" was taken up. B. F. Stiles was readmitted on his certificate of location and placed in the studies of the third year.

Peter I. King was readmitted and placed on trial in the studies of the first year and his credentials from the Baptist Church recognized as deacon's orders.

H. I. Farr was readmitted on his certificate of location and granted the retired relation.

Question 12, "What others have been elected and ordained deacons?" was taken up. Albert G. Campbell was elected to deacon's orders under the missionary rule.

Question 13, "What others were elected to elder's orders?" was taken up. Wm. S. Rowden was elected to elder's orders as a local preacher.

Question 23, "Who are the supernumerary members?" was taken up. A. M. Ward, W. J. Douglass, J. E. Norvell and J. R. Payne were passed in character and continued in the supernumerary relation.

R. N. Kratz, C. M. Stebbins and G. M. Richmond were granted the supernumerary relation.

Question 24, "Who are the retired ministers?" was taken up. D. W. Chamberlain, G. J. Corwin, W. D. Deeble, E. E. Dean, W. O. Gram, Lewis Hartsough, Archibald Jamison, O. A. Phillips, Duane Rifenburg, Thomas Simmons, A. E. Tanner, Thomas Wilkinson, T. H. Youngman were passed in character and continued in the same relation.

The secretary was instructed to send greetings to the retired ministers who were not present at this Conference session.

W. D. Deeble was granted the retired relation.

Question 5, "Who have been received on trial?" was taken up. Albert G. Campbell was received on trial, elected to deacon's orders under the missionary rule, and placed in the studies of the first year.

Leslie Davis was received on trial and placed in the studies of the first year.

Social Service Commission—On motion of J. S. Hoagland the Conference created a Social Service Commission consisting of one member from each district, the appointment to be made by the cabinet.

Consolidation—In accordance with a request from the Northwest German Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the district superintendents were constituted a committee to confer

with a like committee from that Conference concerning the advisability of uniting our German and English charges where both are too weak to be self-supporting.

On motion of W. A. Black, the names of the deceased members of the Black Hills Mission were ordered transferred to the minutes of this Conference.

The announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with the benediction pronounced by W. A. Black.

Fifth Day.

Monday, October 6, 1913.

Opening—The devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. J. W. Potter of Sioux Falls. At 9 o'clock a. m. the Bishop took the chair and the minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Introductions—Dr. W. H. Thrall, superintendent of the Congregational Conference, and Dr. David J. Perrin, assistant superintendent of the Congregational Conference, were introduced and they addressed the Conference in the interests of church federation.

Church Federation—On motion of G. T. Notson, the following resolution on Church Federation was adopted and ordered incorporated in the Conference minutes:

We reaffirm the statement of principles adopted by the Federation Council of Churches in South Dakota, and we ratify the action taken by the general workers of the Congregational, Methodist Episcopal and Presbyterian Churches held in Redfield, S. D., October 1, 1913, Bishop Luccock presiding, as follows:

1. We declare that in local communities where it is evidently not feasible or best to maintain more than one church organization such comity relations should be established between the denominations working the the same territory that one or more denominations should withdraw on a reciprocity exchange basis and permit the field to be properly cared for under responsible demoninational auspices, thus keeping itself in arterial-denominational connection.

2. Recognizing the Providential development of all the great denominational movements in our country, and thoroughly believing that the work of the Kingdom can best be promoted along those lines, we urge all Christian people in communities where such denominational adjustments have been made to co-operate with these world-wide movements by affiliating so far as possible with the denominations given responsibility in that community.

3. We are entirely out of sympathy with the organizing of amalgamated or independent churches which are devoid of denominational auspices or control, and which have no vital connection with the wider movements of the church at large.

4. Without attempting to pronounce ourselves in a unanimous way upon the value of the work being done by the American Sun-

day School Union and like organizations, we deem it vital that every Sunday school, however organized, should be brought into closest practical connection with some denomination.

On motion of J. S. Harkness, the exchange of property where necessary to carry out the plans of the foregoing measure was authorized.

Question 6 was resumed. Arthur H. Beardsley, Chas. E. McDonald, Evan F. Lovett, Samuel W. Marble and C. M. Weirauch were passed in character and continued on trial in the studies of the first year.

C. B. Dennison, Edy T. Underwood and Walter J. McClarinon were passed in character, continued on trial and advanced to the studies of the second year.

N. A. Christianson and W. H. Evans were passed in character continued on trial in the studies of the first year and left without appointment to attend school.

Ralph Howell, T. W. Bradley and F. L. Leavitt were discontinued at their own request.

Joseph H. James was passed in character, continued on trial and advanced to the studies of the second year conditioned in one study.

Question 9, "What members are in the studies of the third year?" was taken up. John S. Ellis, Harry E. Rice, Wm. N. Deller and John Ebert were passed in character and advanced to the studies of the fourth year.

Leroy W. Darling and Perley H. Weston were passed in character and continued in the studies of the third year.

John D. Evans and J. Clarence Greene were passed in character, continued in the studies of the third year, and granted supernumerary relation.

Orin P. Jackson, James L. Walsh, Fernando C. Page and Fred H. Ray were passed in character and advanced to the studies of the fourth year, conditioned in one study each.

Question 23 resumed. D. I. Roush and M. R. Crisp were passed in character and granted the supernumerary relation.

Transfers Out—Fred E. White and U. S. Crowder were announced transferred to the Columbia River Conference and Carl W. Skinner to the Upper Iowa Conference.

Question 25, "Who are the triers of appeals?" was taken up. J. A. Willey, W. A. Wilkinson, J. W. Potter, J. P. Jenkins, R. E. Tarleton and P. H. McBeth were elected triers of appeals.

Question 5, "Who have been received on trial?" was resumed. Marion L. Sunderlin, W. H. Ringler and Thomas Ratcliffe were received on trial and placed in the studies of the first year.

The statistical secretary read his report.

The secretary read communications from the Book Committee.

The reports of the special committees on prorating the railroad

expenses to the next session of the conference and on dancing in the state schools were read and adopted. (See reports.)

A. E. Carhart read the report of the Board of Stewards, which was adopted.

Legal Session—On motion of G. T. Notson, the Conference convened in corporate session.

On motion the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for J. B. Dibble, W. S. Shepherd and M. E. Nickerson as Conference Trustees, class of 1916, and W. S. Shepherd, president, M. E. Nickerson, secretary, and A. E. Carhart, treasurer, as officers of the Board of Trustees, which was done.

On motion the conference instructed the Board of Trustees to furnish a report relative to the Conference Claimants' Endowment Fund, to be published in the Conference minutes.

The legal session then adjourned.

On motion of J. P. Jenkins the following were elected as the publishing committee: G. D. Brown, J. M. Hunter, I. M. Hargett, F. L. Bromaghim, and G. D. Brown was elected editor of the minutes.

On motion of J. P. Jenkins the Conference ordered the minutes of the last session of the Black Hills Mission printed in the Dakota Conference minutes of this year.

The following reports were read and adopted: On hospitals, foreign missions, the treasurer's report.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Rapid City Deaconess Hospital for the proffered courtesy of that institution to ministers and their families.

On motion of J. S. Harkness, the Conference ordered all cash amounts credited to the Board of Conference Claimants of Chicago be turned over to the treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

At the request of the Bishop the Watertown District male chorus rendered two selections.

GALLEY FIVE

In behalf of the men of the Watertown District, Bishop Luccock presented Mrs. O. E. Bryce with a beautiful cut glass dish in appreciation of her services in training the male chorus.

At the request of the photographer a recess was ordered for the afternoon session today at 3:00 o'clock while a picture of the Conference is taken.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with the benediction pronounced by O. W. Taylor.

Afternoon Session.

Monday, October 6, 1913.

At the appointment of the Bishop, J. P. Jenkins took the chair at 1:30 p. m. Hymn No. 386 was sung and G. D. Egner led in prayer.

On motion of H. P. Eberhart the printed minutes were made

the official record of the Conference.

The following reports were read and adopted: On auditing Treasurer's accounts, on Conference Claimnants, on Epworth Leagues, on American Bible Society, on Temperance, on Sunday schools on Freedman's aid, on Home Missions and Church Extension, on Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, on Woman's Home Missionary Society, on Education, on Resolutions, on Auditing, District Superintendent's accounts, on Deaconess Board of Nine, on Sabbath Observance.

On motion of J. S. Hoagland, the name of E. E. Hunt was added to the Board of Trustees of the Anti-Saloon League.

On motion the renewal of the license of Miss Moberg was granted and ordered incorporated in the report of the Board of Deaconesses.

On motion of J. A. Edwards, H. W. Minish and C. B. Clark were appointed a committee to draft a historical statement of the Black Hills Mission, to be printed in the Conference minutes of this year.

On motion of A. E. Buriff, E. F. Lovett was advanced to the studies of the second year conditioned in one study.

On motion of E. E. Hunt, N. F. Sanderson was left without appointment to attend school.

The secretary was instructed to send copies of the printed minutes to the retired ministers and to the missionaries sent out from our Conference.

The recess that was ordered in the morning was now taken.
The Bishop took the chair at 4:15 p. m.

The secretary of the cabinet read the nominations for the Standing Committees, Commissions and Boards, which on motion were elected.

Adjournment—On motion of G. T. Notson the Conference voted to adjourn after the reading of the minutes of the sessions of the day and of the stationing of the preachers.

The minutes were read. The Bishop offered prayer and read the appointments of the preachers. The hymn, "God be With You Till We Meet Again" was sung, the benediction was pronounced by the Bishop and the Conference adjourned sine die.

GILBERT D. BROWN,
Secretary.

NAPHTALI LUCCOCK,
Presiding Bishop.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This certifies that at Redield, S. D., on Sunday, October 5, 1913, upon election by the Dakota Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, I ordained as deacons: Peter V. Bhethorst, Frank Tanner, Ernest Redmayne and Albert G. Campbell, and at the same time and place assisted by elders, I ordained as elders: Maurice T. Habgood, Ernest E. Vernon, Arthur J. Hoyer, Lorne A. McDonald, Geo. T. Matthews, Wesley J. Dudgeon and Wm. S. Rowden.

NAPHTALI LUCCOCK,
Presiding Bishop.

Disciplinary Questions

- 1. Is this Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirements of the Discipline?**

It is.

- 2. Who have been received by transfer?**

C. V. Gilliland from St. Louis, Harry Burrows from Idaho, Harry Lee from Oregon, J. A. Edwards from N. W. Iowa, E. J. Fish from Nebraska, H. W. Minish from N. Y. East, W. J. Walsh from Minnesota, P. J. Lawson from Nebraska, H. L. Case from N. W. Iowa, F. M. Faith from Montana, R. C. McReynolds from Oklahoma, C. M. Weirauch from Minnesota, Percy Kenderdine from Minnesota.

- 3. Who have been readmitted?**

H. I. Farr (Located Dakota Conference, 1912).

B. F. Stiles (Located Dakota Conference, 1908).

- 4. Who have been received on their credentials?**

None.

- 5. Who have been received on trial?**

(a) In studies of the first year.

Albert G. Campbell, Leslie Davis, Peter I. King, Marion Sunderlin, Wm. S. Rowden, W. H. Ringler, Thomas Ratcliffe.

(b) In studies of the third year. None.

- 6. Who have been continued on trial?**

(a) In studies of the first year.

Charles E. McDonald, Samuel Marble, Wm. H. Evans, Arthur H. Beardsley, Nels A. Christianson, Walter J. McClarinon, C. M. Weirauch.

(b) In studies of the second year.

Geo. H. Book, John W. Hartley, Anthony L. Wilson, Charles B. Dennison, Joseph H. James, Edy T. Underwood, Evan F. Lovett.

(c) In studies of the third year. None.

(d) In studies of the fourth year. None.

- 7. Who have been discontinued?**

F. L. Leavit, Ralph Howell, Thomas W. Bradley.

- 8. Who have been admitted into full membership?**

(a) Elected and ordained deacons this year.

Peter V. Brethorst, Frank Tanner, Ernest Redmayne.

(b) Elected and ordained deacons previously.

John H. Ebert, Wm. N. Deller, Wesley J. Dudgeon.

9. What members are in the studies of the third year?

(a) Admitted into full membership this year.

Peter V. Brethorst, Frank Tanner, Ernest Redmayne, John H. Ebert, Wm. N. Deller, Wesley J. Dudgeon.

(b) Admitted into full membership previously.

Carl W. Skinner, Leroy W. Darling, Perley H. Weston, J. Clarence Greene, John D. Stevens, Benjamin F. Stiles.

10. What members are in the studies of the fourth year?

John H. Ebert, Wm. N. Deller, John S. Ellis, Orrin P. Jackson, Harry E. Rice, John L. Walsh, Fernando C. Page, Fred H. Ray, Thomas Davis.

11. What members have completed the Conference Course of Study?

(a) Elected and ordained elders this year.

Maurice T. Habgood, Ernest E. Vernon, Arthur J. Hoyer, Lorne A. McDonald, Geo. T. Matthews, Wesley J. Dudgeon.

(b) Elected and ordained previously. None.

12. What others have been elected and ordained Deacons?

(a) As local preachers. None.

(b) Under missionary rule. Albert G. Campbell.

(c) Under seminary rule? None.

13. What others have been elected and ordained Elders?

(a) As local Deacons. Wm. S. Rowden.

(b) Under missionary rule. None.

(c) Was the character of each preacher examined?

14. Was the character of each preacher examined?

This was strictly done in open conference.

15. Who have been transferred, and to what Conferences?

Harry Burrows to Nebraska, U. S. Crowder to Columbia River, C. V. Gilliland to St. Louis, C. W. Skinner to Upper Iowa, F. E. White to Columbia River.

16. Who have died?

Francis J. Norton, Henry M. Springer.

17. Who have been located at their own request?

None.

18. Who have been located?

None.

19. Who have withdrawn?

E. V. Fisher.

20. Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges?

None.

21. Who have been expelled?

None.

- 22. What other personal notation should be made?**
The credentials of Peter I King were recognized as Deacon's orders.
- 23. Who are the supernumerary ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation?**
W. J. Douglass 1, W. I. Graham 3, J. E. Norvell 1, J. R. Payne 3, G. M. Richmond, C. M. Stebbins, A. M. Ward 4, R. N. Kratz, D. I. Roush, M. R. Crisp, J. Clarence Green, John D. Evans.
- 24. Who are the retired ministers?**
D. W. Chamberlain, G. J. Corwin, W. D. Deeble, E. E. Dean, W. O. Gram, J. G. Hall, Lewis Hartsough, Archibald Jamison, O. A. Phillips, Duane Rifenbark, Thomas Simmons, A. E. Tanner, Thomas Wilkinson, T. H. Youngman.
- 25. Who are the triers of appeals?**
J. A. Willey, W. A. Wilkinson, J. W. Potter, J. P. Jenkins, R. E. Tarleton, P. H. McBeth.
- 26. What is the annual report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extensions?**
\$7,359.
- 27. What is the annual report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions?**
\$10,381.
- 28. What is the statistical report?**
(See the statistician's report.)
- 29. What is the Conference Treasurer's report?**
(See the Conference Treasurer's report.)
- 30. What is the aggregate of the benevolent collections ordered by the General Conference as reported by the Conference Treasurer?**
\$39,589.
- 31. What are the claims on the Conference fund?**
\$7,500.
- 32. What has been received on these claims and how has it been applied?**
(See report of Conference Stewards.)
- 33. What is the 5 per cent of the amount raised for the support of Conference claimants, and paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants for connectional relief?**
\$164.
- 34. What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the Conference to be raised for the support of Conference Claimants?**
Three per cent of cash salary of pastors and district superintendents, amounting to \$8,562.
- 35. Where are the preachers stationed?**

(See list of appointments.)

- 36. Where shall the next Conference be held?**
Wessington Springs, S. D.
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Appointments

ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

- 4—J. S. Harkness, District Superintendent, P. O. Aberdeen, S. D.
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| 3 Aberdeen, O. W. Taylor. | 2 Hecla, F. B. Dunn. |
| 4 Andover, F. E. Morrison. | 3 Langford, M. T. Habgood. |
| 1 Ashton, J. E. McKinney. | 1 Leola (Geo. Carter). |
| 2 Bath and Putney, I. W. Ellis. | 1 Mellette, F. C. Page. |
| 2 Big Stone (Duane Rifenburg). | 2 Milbank, J. M. Tibbetts. |
| 1 Bowdle, J. W. Bowler. | 1 Northville (L. F. Brown). |
| 1 Bristol, J. H. Ebert. | 2 Redfield, Ernest Holgate. |
| 3 Britton, Albert Hartt. | 3 Selby, J. A. Willey. |
| 2 Claremont, J. F. Franklin. | 6 Sisseton, R. C. Shearer. |
| 1 Conde, J. S. Ellis. | 1 Timber Lake, W. J. Waltz. |
| 2 Corona, Ernest Redmayne. | 1 Waubay and Summit, E. E. Holmes. |
| 1 Cresbard, Thos. Ratcliffe. | 1 Webster, J. M. Hunter. |
| 12 DeVoe, F. L. Bromaghim. | 3 Westport (E. H. Harrold). |
| 2 Frederick, A. M. Lott. | 2 White Rock, Thomas Davies. |
| 5 Groton, S. E. Brown. | |

HURON DISTRICT.

- 4—G. T. Notson, District Superintendent, P. O. Huron, S. D.
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| 1 Agar and Gorman (J. W. A. Collins). | 1 Lane and Viola, J. L. Walsh. |
| 4 Alpena, M. E. Nickerson. | 3 Miller, J. H. Kearton. |
| 1 Artesian, E. O. Machemer. | 2 Okobojo (Geo. H. Quayle). |
| 1 Blunt and Harrold (J. E. Williams). | Pearl Creek and Cavour, to be supplied. |
| 1 Broadland (Lloyd H. Rising). | 2 Pierre, W. A. Wilkinson. |
| 3 Carpenter, N. P. Johnson. | 2 Rockham and Miranda, E. F. Lovett. |
| 2 Chappelle Circuit (George H. Quayle). | 2 Roswell, S. F. Spitz. |
| 1 Esmond, C. E. McDonald. | 1 Seneca, Harry Lee. |
| 3 Faulkton, C. E. Wilcox. | 1 St. Lawrence (W. B. Arnold). |
| 2 Gettysburg, J. T. B. Smith. | 2 Tulare, J. D. Stevens. |
| 1 Highmore, A. E. Hocking. | 1 Wessington, B. F. Stiles. |
| 1 Hitchcock, W. H. Ringler. | 4 Wessington Springs, I. M. Hargett. |
| 1 Huron, A. E. Buriff. | 2 Wolsey, S. W. Marble. |
| 3 Iroquois, John Clayton. | 1 Woonsocket, Paul Gardner. |

MITCHELL DISTRICT.

4—W. S. Shepherd, District Superintendent, Mitchell, S. D.

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| 3 Alexandria, P. O. Bunt. | 2 Kimball (T. J. Black). |
| 2 Armour, W. L. Sunderlin. | 1 Lakeview Ct. (D. G. Evans). |
| 1 Bijou Hills and Pukwana (C. O. Biggar). | 1 Letcher, W. J. McClarinon. |
| 1 Bridgewater (R. M. Howell). | 6 Mitchell, J. S. Hoagland. |
| 1 Chamberlain, W. E. Gale. | 1 Mitchell, Associate Pastor, C. B. Harrold. |
| 1 Colome (K. R. Mansveld). | 1 Mt. Vernon, W. T. Ferguson. |
| 1 Dallas, J. W. Lucas. | 1 Murdo (G. M. Peacock). |
| 1 Draper and Vivian (W. S. Kidder). | Oakton and Interior, to be supplied. |
| 1 Dudley (S. E. Surface). | Paxton Ct., to be supplied. |
| 1 Ethan, G. D. Egner. | 1 Plankinton, O. M. Hyde. |
| 1 Fairfax and St. Charles, J. H. James. | 3 Platte, T. H. Trevethick. |
| 1 Farmer (W. E. Leake). | 1 Springfield (W. N. Potter). |
| 1 Fulton (Frank Frizelle). | 4 Tripp, W. O. Redfield. |
| 3 Geddes, W. A. Greene. | 2 Tyndall, S. H. Shurtleff. |
| 1 Gregory, R. J. Aitcheson. | 4 Wagner, E. T. Underwood. |
| 1 Iona and Hamil, S. C. Olds. | 2 White Lake, R. B. Hughes. |
| 1 Kennebec and Prescho (A. W. Percy). | 1 Winner (L. G. J. Kelley). |

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT.

2—G. W. Rosenberry, District Superintendent, P. O. Sioux Falls, S. D.

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| 1 Alcester, P. V. Brethorst. | 4 Hurley, W. S. Rowden. |
| 1 Beresford, J. B. Dibble. | 1 Irene (— Ingham). |
| 2 Canistota, I. P. Potter. | 2 Montrose (H. B. Nash). |
| 1 Canton, A. W. Thurston. | 4 Parker, H. P. Eberhart. |
| 2 Centerville (J. R. Krins). | 1 Salem, E. E. Hunt. |
| 2 Colton, P. J. King. | 2 Scotland, John Kaye. |
| 4 Davis and Pioneer, G. H. Book. | Sioux Falls— |
| 3 Dell Rapids, A. P. Janes. | 2 First Church, J. W. Potter. |
| 1 Egan, A. J. Hoyer. | 1 Jordan Church, Wm. N. Deller. |
| 1 Elk Point, E. E. Saxton. | 3 Valley Springs, G. N. Gage. |
| 1 Garretson, Nels Fannebust. | 1 Vermillion, J. F. Gibson. |
| 1 Gayville, H. E. Rice. | 1 Wakonda, L. A. McDonald. |
| 2 Harrisburg, O. P. Jackson. | 2 Yankton, W. A. Black. |
| 1 Hartford, C. H. Graf. | |
| 1 Hudson and Fairview (C. D. Arms). | |

WATERTOWN DISTRICT.**4—O. E. Boyce, District Superintendent, P. O. Watertown, S. D.**

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| 4 Arlington, R. E. Tarleton. | 3 Frankfort, C. C. Boslaugh. |
| 2 Bradley, W. J. Dudgeon. | 2 Garden City, R. G. Minkler. |
| 2 Brookings, R. A. Bruce. | 2 Gary, Fred Rawlinson. |
| 1 Bruce, C. B. Dennison. | 3 Hazel and Thomas, B. W. Mc- |
| Castlewood, to be supplied. | Eldowney. |
| 1 Clark, O. W. Butterfield. | 3 Henry, Fred H. Ray. |
| 1 Chester, Frank Tanner. | 2 Howard, A. S. Loveall. |
| 2 Clear Lake, John Wood. | 1 Junius (T. S. Langdon). |
| 1 Coleman, Percy Kenderdine. | 1 Lake Preston, E. A. Bennett. |
| 2 DeSmet, John Oakley. | 1 Madison, G. D. Brown. |
| 2 Doland, L. W. Darling. | 1 Oldham (E. B. Cooney). |
| 1 Elkton, A. L. Wilson. | 1 Trenton, R. A. Bruce. |
| 2 Florence (D. C. Ratcliffe). | 2 Watertown, F. F. Lewis. |
| 1 Flandreau, T. B. Wilber. | 2 White, H. G. Ozanne. |
| 19 Flandreau Ct., L. L. Layne | |
| and (D. C. Arms). | |

RAPID CITY DISTRICT.**1—C. E. Matteson, District Superintendent, P. O. Rapid City, S. D.**

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| 1 Belle Fourche, F. M. Faith. | 1 Midland and Nowlin, J. T. |
| 1 Boneita Springs, (J. C. Bak- | Gurney. |
| er). | 1 Newell (C. G. Wagoner). |
| 1 Capa, C. M. Weirauch. | 1 Oelrichs (Fred Lonsdale). |
| 1 Caputa and Weta (Julius Ed- | 1 Oral, Leslie Davis. |
| lund). | 1 Phillip (J. H. Gillespie). |
| 2 Custer, E. J. Fish. | Piedmont, to be supplied. |
| 3 Deadwood—J. A. Edwards. | 2 Plainview, J. W. Hartley. |
| 1 Edgmont, P. J. Lawson. | 1 Quinn (L. O. Baker). |
| Harding, to be supplied. | 1 Spearfish, W. E. Hartung. |
| 1 Harding Co., L. L. Lane. | 1 Sturgis, A. H. Beardsley. |
| 1 Hill City, A. G. Campbell. | 2 Terry (S. M. Davis). |
| 1 Hot Springs, H. L. Case. | 1 Wall and Wasta (Roy Palm- |
| Lead, to be supplied. | er). |

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.

Thomas Nicholson, Corresponding Secretary Board of Education, New York, member of Mitchell Quarterly Conference; Wm. G. Seaman, President Dakota Wesleyan University; John L. Seaton, Samuel Wier, Professors of Dakota Wesleyan University; C. V. Gilliland, Dean of Dakota Wesleyan University; J. E. Crowther, Secretary Department of Income, Board of Foreign Missions; A. E. Carhart, Conference Temperance Agent, members of Mitchell Quarterly Conference; W. J. Calfee, Secretary Conference Evangelistic Commission; C. E. Hager, Agent Methodist Deaconess Hospital, Rapid City.

W. H. Evans, N. F. Sanderson, E. E. Vernon and N. A. Christianson were left without appointment to attend school.

C. B. Clark, chaplain Battle Mountain Soldiers' Sanitarium, Hot Springs, S. D.; Louis L. Lane, Conference Sunday School Missionary; J. O. Dobson, Endowment Commissioner Cornell College, members of Mitchell Quarterly Conference. A. C. MacLean, Conference Evangelist, member of Clark Quarterly Conference; P. H. McBeth, Assistant Superintendent Anti-Saloon League, member Mitchell Quarterly Conference.

NOTE—Correct postoffice addresses will be found in Conference Roll, page 11.

Reports of District Superintendents

ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

Jas. S. Harkness, District Superintendent.

Dear Bishop and Brethren: It is with profound gratitude to God for His Mercy and goodness that has brought us through the labors of the year and permitted us to meet again at another annual Conference session without a break in our ranks that I present to you this report. To Him we ascribe all glory and honor and praise for the success of the work of the year.

Pastors and Pastoral Supplies.—At the close of our last Conference session every charge was supplied with a pastor. All the Conference men have remained at their stations during the year. The Rev. Thos Davies was granted a vacation extending from May until Conference. With his wife they went to England for the summer and are now on their way home again, bringing with them a daughter to grace the parsonage home. The Rev. B. F. Donovan, a member of the N. D. Conference, has served the work with great acceptability in the absence of the pastor. Robert Karr was secured to supply Cresbard, made vacant by the leaving of J. E. Reynolds, and has rendered most excellent service. W. B. Dunkum was secured to take the place of H. K. Cornish of Leola. A federated congregation has been brought about at this place for next year. This I consider to be one of the greatest victories of the year.

There are 28 charges and 56 preaching places on the Aberdeen District. These were served by twenty-four members of the Conference and four local preachers. E. E. Vernon, Robt. Karr and W. B. Dunkum leave us to attend school.

Building and Improvement.—I thought we would have little to report along these lines this year, but stand amazed at what has actually been accomplished. There are forty-two church buildings and twenty-nine parsonages on the district. We have two unoccupied churches and two parsonages. The church at Roscoe, which has stood unoccupied for some time, has been sold. The town is amply cared for by its present churches and there is no probable need for our return to that field. Our people have almost wholly removed. The property was very much run down and rapidly depreciating in value. An indebtedness was incurred some years ago of \$1,150.00 to build a parsonage. The debt was secured by a mortgage on the church and parsonage. The obligation was due and no means of paying the same; an opportunity arose to sell the church for enough to liquidate the indebtedness and we accepted it. This leaves us.

the parsonage without any incumbrance. This was a good sale. A former district superintendent offered the church for less than one-half what we secured for it. We now come asking the Conference to order the sale. The new church at Melette, reported at last Conference, was dedicated the following Sunday, Drs. J. S. Hoagland and J. P. Jenkins rendering valuable services on that occasion. A modern two-story parsonage, with basement and porch, has been built at Bath at an expense of \$2,300, all of which has been paid but \$400. This makes Bath one of the most desirable charges of the district. Only eight miles from the Hub City, the metropolis of the state, in the midst of a splendid farming community, and having a delightful constituency and the most up-to-date school in the state for a rural community. Langford has entirely remodeled the church; new roof, new paint, new paper, electric lights and furnace. The parsonage has also been painted and repaired and the porch screened.

Milbank has installed a new pipe organ costing \$2,000 and built an addition to the church for same, at a cost of \$400, and expended \$250 in interior decoration of the church. All of this will be provided for. The dedication of the organ will take place next week.

Aberdeen has paid \$4,000 on indebtedness.

Britton has provided for its indebtedness of \$1,300 and will expend \$250 for improvement.

Claremont has paid \$900 on debt and expended \$175 for cement sidewalk and \$60 for parsonage improvement.

Groton has paid \$1,800 on debt and \$75 for sidewalk.

Millette has paid \$1,200 on debt and has painted and repaired the parsonage.

Conde has expended \$150 for electric lights, painting and improvements.

Corona has papered the parsonage and put down a well.

Frederick L. A. Society has placed new pews in the church.

Bristol has made repairs on church and parsonage.

Big Stone has resingled and painted the church.

Hecla has painted the exterior of the church and parsonage, and also papered the parsonage.

Redfield has made some improvements on church and parsonage and had plans perfected for expending \$4,000 when crop failure prevented.

Sisseton added a porch to the parsonage and built a fine cupboard in the kitchen. Waubay put in electric lights in the church and gave the use of their church for the Free Methodist Annual Session, held last week.

Summit has also reduced its debt to the Church Extension Society.

This is a remarkable record, considering the year and the financial condition of many of these charges.

Much credit is due the L. A. Societies for the valuable assistance they have given. They have contributed upward of \$6,000 for building, improvement and pastoral support. As far as the financial side of things is concerned I do not see how we could do without them. In some of our churches they are actually providing the larger part of all the money raised for salaries and current expenses. They do much for the social life of our churches and communities. Besides, they supply us with unlimited hope and courage.

Ministerial Support.—Pastor's salaries have been increased \$2,900 for the year. Bristol has advanced \$500, Westport \$400, Redfield and Milbank each \$300. Britton, Claremont and Corona each \$200. Andover, Bowdle, Hecla and Webster each \$100. We have 2,873 church members; our estimate for ministerial support is \$30,685. Most of this will be paid. That means \$11 per member, for good, bad and indifferent. There are some existing conditions which make the task of the church difficult at the present time. There is the spirit of our time and the tendency to worldliness, the progress of knowledge, the inordinate desire for amusement, new avenues of pleasure and business, a lack of proper regard for the sanctity of the Sabbath and the tendency to make it a holiday rather than a holy day. Then we have the exodus of our American population and the incoming of the foreigner to take his place. Our membership roll in many places is being depleted faster than we can secure new members. In many places our church membership has been greatly reduced and the remaining members have with hope and courage and liberality faced the difficulties and the burdens. All this has made it a grave problem how we are to be able to meet the heavy demand for suitable leadership for our churches and give the pastors an adequate support.

For example one church with thirty-nine members pays for ministerial support \$1,151, \$900 for church debt, \$175 for sidewalk, \$60 for parsonage repairs, and is apportioned \$250 for benevolences, a total of \$2,536, or \$65 per member. Our Missionary Secretaries will tell us that we have a substantial increase in ministerial support and building, etc., but no appreciable increase in benevolences. This church just referred to has ten members who paid this year to the support of the pastor \$673. Two gave \$100 each, one gave \$95, one \$75, one \$70, three \$50, one \$43 and one \$40. In addition to this, those same ten paid the larger part of the claims for District Superintendent, Conference Claimant and Episcopal Fund. If an appeal is made for the college, the hospital, the Anti-Saloon League or an evangelist, these same ten pay the bulk of the amount given. The L. A. Society, with only ten members, gave \$257.95, and the W. F. M. Society, with twenty members, gave \$158. In addition to all this, this church gave to the support of an evangelist, who went to a country point to hold a meeting. Our Missionary Board gave this pastor this year \$100 to help defray his livery expenses while he

sought to evangelize the surrounding country. He has traveled 1,800 miles doing his work, and our Missionary Secretaries ask if this money could not be saved and placed at some more strategic point. True, we have some churches which have not arrived at this degree of perfection, but we are diligently urging them to do so as speedily as possible. Do you wonder that this Superintendent stands for a saving of time and money and machinery in administration and feels that a new era has dawned for the church, in which emphasis must be laid upon efficiency and economy of administration rather than upon mere machinery? The present day church demands less presiding eldership and more district superintendency. Under such residential Episcopal supervision as our Bishop gives us, larger administrative units may be successfully handled because of the Bishop's knowledge of the field, gained at other times than at the Conference session.

Brethren, it is a problem of some of these churches to know how to pay adequate support to the type of men demanded by the average church today.

Benevolences.—I am unable to make a full report on the benevolences. Our report will be disappointing, as far as statistics are concerned, but very remarkable when real conditions are understood. Charges that will report little have really done much. They have done what they could and are entitled to commendation rather than censure. Some charges will report apportionments all met. Sisseton, Milbank, Big Stone, White Rock, Corona, Bristol, Andover, Britton and Redfield are to be numbered as such.

Revivals and Membership.—This, after all, is the heart of the whole matter. Buildings and salaries and all material things are of little account if we be not saving souls. Special meetings were held at Redfield, Conde, DeVoe, Northville, Westport, Bath, Putney, Claremont, Detroit, Groton, Andover, Langford, Britton, Webster, Wanbay, Corona, Sisseton, Peever, Big Stone, Milbank, Mobridge and Leola. Five different evangelists have assisted in nine meetings. We have 2,783 members, 383 accessions this year, 265 have been dismissed by certificate, 14 have died, 147 non-resident and 58 probationers. Aberdeen has added 74., Sisseton, 41, Redfield 38, Leola 26, Mellette 23, Langford 21, Andover, Groton and Corona each 18, White Rock 16, Milbank 15, Webster 10, others ranging from one to ten. Every church has contributed to the increase. While much good resulted from the special meetings held, much has been accomplished by personal work and pastoral visitation. While there is a demand for good preachers, there is also a great demand for good pastors. Men are looking for larger fields; some would be surprised to know what it costs to supply these places. In a very manly way the pastor of the largest church on the district reported at the fourth Conference: "I have made 1,500 visits," and quite frequently men make so few visits that they think they are not worth

mentioning.

We have 4,049 Sunday school scholars; 19 schools are recognized as Missionary Societies. The Andover school leads in the amount contributed, viz., \$150. I find our pastors thoroughly loyal to our own publishing house, and our Sunday schools, with few exceptions, using our own Sunday school supplies. The pastors have been quite diligent in the canvas for the Northwestern Christian Advocate, and pastors and people fully appreciate the good work that our new editor, Dr. Zaring, is doing.

Epworth League.—The District Cabinet has been very active planning for our young people and are to be highly commended for the excellent service they have rendered and the inspiration they have given to the Chapters of the District. A convention was held at Webster which was well attended and helpful. The district has been divided into four sub-districts, and plans are made to hold sub-district meetings. One of these was recently held at Andover and had fifty delegates in attendance. We have 655 Epworthians on the district.

We have a number of good Junior Leagues worthy of mention. Andover, Sisseton, Claremont, Milbank, Redfield, Langford, Conde, Brifiton and Bath are to be numbered as such.

W. F. M. Society.—The W. F. M. S. has had a prosperous year. New auxiliaries have been organized at Groton and Langford. Miss Brethorst gave helpful service to the district in the early winter. The annual meeting was held at Milbank May 16, 17, 18. We were blessed by the presence of our Conference Secretary, Mrs. L. P. Hauser, and Mrs. B. Longley of St. Paul, whose three splendid addresses were the inspiration of the meeting. Our aim for this year:

1. An auxiliary in every church.
 2. Every woman of the church a member of the W. F. M. S.
- We have also a few H. M. Societies doing good work.

Personal Mention.—You will be grieved to learn that our most highly esteemed and beloved brother, W. D. Deeble, has suffered much from ill-health during the year, and by the advice of his physicians asks to be placed on the retired list, for the present, at least. Brother Deeble was admitted on probation in the Dakota Conference October, 1886, and ordained deacon by Bishop Bowman. He has attended every Conference (twenty-seven), and with one exception responded to the roll call at the opening session. He has served twenty-six years out of the twenty-seven on the Aberdeen District; served only eight charges, and on six of them had good revivals with far-reaching results, the one on the present charge in many respects the best of all. He has been a member of the Board of Examiners continuously for more than twenty years, a member of the Conference Relations Committee for eighteen years, and of the Board of Stewards fifteen years. At present he is a member of these several Boards, and also one of the Conference Trustees. Only four mem-

bers are on the effective list today that were in the Conference when he was admitted, viz., Drs. C. B. Clark, C. E. Hager, M. E. Nickerson and J. P. Jenkins. On each charge but two he has either built or rebuilt the church or parsonage or liquidated some long-standing debt. Bro. Deeble is one of our very best men and shall be missed from our ranks as an effective preacher. We hope and pray for his speedy recovery.

Conclusion.—No words of mine can give fitting tribute to, and no report can reveal, the heroic service rendered and the cheerful sacrifices made by the brave and patient toilers on many of the hard and trying fields during the year. Only in the records of Him who knoweth all things can the true estimate of their significance and worth be found. No man ever labored with a more loyal and devoted company of men. There is not one of them who has not impressed me as being deeply and truly interested in his work and honestly striving to do that work aright. I am deeply indebted to the ministry and laity for the patience they have shown me and the numberless kindnesses which have made pleasant the labors of the year.

HURON DISTRICT.

G. T. Notson, District Superintendent.

Two appointments were left to be supplied at the opening of the Conference year. Immediately following adjournment of our annual session at Yankton I learned that F. F. Leavitt had taken work within the bounds of the Genessee Conference. By this action Blunt and Harrold were left without a pastor. The Rev. Frank Fizzle, a minister of the Methodist Church of Canada, was secured for this charge. The Rev. Harry Lee was transferred from Oregon Conference and appointed pastor at Seneca. After one or two unsatisfactory attempts to secure a supply for Agar and Gorman, Rev. J. W. A. Collins was appointed to this charge. The Rev. J. D. Evans was compelled to surrender his charge February 1st on account of poor health. W. H. Ringler, a former student of Garrett Biblical Institute, was secured for the vacancy at Hitchcock. In May our beloved brother, Rev. R. N. Kratz, was compelled to give up the active work of the ministry because of failing health. Lloyd H. Rising, a capable young man from Canton, was secured as supply at Broadland. June 1st the Rev. G. M. Richmond resigned as pastor at Huron and Rev. John L. Seaton, of the faculty at Dakota Wesleyan University, was appointed pastor by Bishop Luccock.

The health of our preachers and pastors, except in the cases noted, has been generally good. Death entered the parsonages at Artesian and Roswell early in the year and took from the fond embrace of the parents, new-born babes. In their affliction brothers Hoyer and Spitz and their wives have our heartfelt sympathy.

The adjustments of one year ago appeared to be highly satisfac-

tory to both pastors and people. The pastors have labored earnestly for the upbuilding of the kingdom. Great sacrifice and devotion on the part of the people has been shown in the maintenance of the work under very trying and discouraging conditions, in a large part of the territory covered by the district. Special evangelistic services have been held at Alpena, Blunt, Harrold, Burdette, Carpenter, Esmond, Faulkton, Highmore, Iroquois, Miller, Pearl Creek, Rockham and Miranda, Roswell, Seneca, St. Lawrence, Tulare, Wessington, Woonsocket and Wessington Springs. The meeting at Wessington Springs was characterized by old-time conversions and a far-reaching influence upon the community. One hundred and thirty-five accessions to the membership were reported by the pastor, who was his own evangelist. Evangelist Nels Fanebust and W. J. Calfee have labored faithfully on several charges during the year. The latter led in a great revival held on the Carpenter charge this summer. Between three and four hundred conversions have been reported during the year by the pastors.

The third annual camp meeting was held at St. Lawrence, S. D., June 19--29. Dr. R. N. McKaig, Conference Evangelist, Northern Minnesota Conference, led the Pentecostal services. Invaluable assistance was rendered by District Superintendents of the Mitchell, Sioux Falls and Watertown District, and Rev. E. E. Hunt of Canton, Dr. J. L. Seaton and Dr. J. P. Jenkins of Dakota Wesleyan University, the latter named giving several able and illuminating addresses on the subject of Christian Stewardship. Every pastor excepting two was in attendance at some time during the session, and the spiritual uplift to them and the people can not be computed. The District Epworth League Convention has become an important feature of the camp meeting.

The benevolences have been faithfully presented by most of the pastors. This has been done by a personal canvass of the entire membership in a majority of cases. To leave the appeal for the benevolences to the latter part of the year, and then present the same in a perfunctory manner, taking up a public collection, does not meet the requirements of the Discipline, nor make it possible for the pastor to report all collections taken. This is not the rule but rather the rare exception on the Huron district.

The Ladies' Aid Societies have accomplished a remarkable work on most of our charges. The efficiency of these organizations in supporting the work of the church in nearly every charge is manifestly greater each year. Without this assistance our work would be jeopardized in many places. From the reports made by the presidents of these splendid organizations we have ascertained that \$7,908.60 have been raised and carefully devoted to improvements, current expenses and ministerial support.

The auxiliaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society are doing splendid work. In one or two instances their ability to raise

money surpassed that of the congregations for all disciplinary collections. So much for intelligent, persistent, consecrated endeavor in behalf of a great cause. The Woman's Home Missionary Society is organized on a few of our charges. We are debtors beyond all computation to this great organization, and those to whom are committed the work of organizing this society should be given the right-of-way in every charge, wherever it is possible to effect an organization.

While we have suffered a depletion in our membership in many places because of continued drouth, the Sunday schools show no tendency to decline. We hope to see every school make a decided advance by standardizing their work in the near future.

The Epworth League continues to fulfill an important mission in training our young people for active Christian service. Wherever we are able to secure capable superintendents the Junior Epworth League fills a most important place in our economy. The number of Junior Chapters could easily be trebled if we were able to secure capable superintendents.

Dakota Wesleyan University still holds foremost place in the thoughts and affections of our people as the paramount enterprise of South Dakota Methodism. Our people have responded generously to the appeals of the able Field Secretary, Dr. J. P. Jenkins, and a goodly number of young people are enrolled as students for the ensuing year. Dr. W. G. Seamon is demonstrating the wisdom of his selection, as president, following in the line of a distinguished succession.

The advance in material things is represented in the magnificent new brick church now being built at Wessington Springs, which will be ready for dedication by the end of the calendar year. This beautiful edifice is the third building erected by our church at Wessington Springs, and is all that could be desired to meet the needs of that great church. The cost of erection will approximate \$40,000. The annual Conference should meet in this new building at its next session. The church at Woonsocket has been reconstructed at a cost of \$8,000. Not one semblance of the old building remains, and is conservatively valued at \$10,000. It is in reality a new church. Its erection is a monument to the tactful and able leadership of the pastor. The dedication services have been unavoidably delayed until the first Sunday of the Conference year.

The situation at Pierre is most critical. The entire indebtedness amounts to \$36,000. The resources are being rapidly consumed a heroic band of men and women are doing all within their power to stay the impending disaster. Unless outside help can be found, the situation is full of peril to the future of our church at Pierre. The wisdom, or lack of wisdom, employed in building the church may be discussed, but will not save Methodism from the worst blow delivered to our cause in South Dakota if we should lose

this property. Help speedily given will alone divert the disaster. In this connection I wish to acknowledge the timely and unprecedented aid we have received from the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, without which we would have suffered great loss in our attempts to meet the pressing demands upon us.

Several hundred dollars have been expended on the Crandon church. Improvements upon the property of the churches at Carpenter, LaDelle, Esmond and Rockham have been reported. Fifteen hundred dollars have been paid on indebtedness at Gettysburg. The indebtedness on our property at Blunt, Harrold and Rockham has been reduced.

When Dr. J. L. Seaton took charge of the church at Huron June 1st he found the current expense account overdrawn \$735 for the year, \$200 of which was an overdraft from last year, which was covered by a note given on behalf of the Official Board. Other debts were unpaid amounting to \$165. To cover this deficit, and to properly care for benevolences, which were only partially provided for, a special fund of \$1,200 was raised, which makes possible the best report for the benevolent causes ever made by this church. In addition to this the Ladies' Aid Society has undertaken the complete renovation of the interior of the church at a cost of \$500, all of which has been provided for. Dr. Seaton departed for a year of special study at Harvard University September 15, with the united love and esteem of the membership of Huron charge.

The wisdom of reducing the price of our official Advocates to \$1 per year has been demonstrated on the Huron District. The number of Advocates taken has increased more than 100 per cent. If the nine pastors who do not report an increase in the number of church papers taken had done as well in proportion as their brethren we would be able to report a still greater increase.

The record of the year is closed. I have endeavored to administer the affairs of the district in the fear of God. I make no claim to infallibility, nevertheless I know of no important action I would not repeat under similar circumstances. To my brethren who have stood loyally by me in working out the plans of the year I am grateful. To the officary of the charges, I have profound love and respect. To the guiding hand of the All-Wise Heavenly Father I commit my future.

G. T. NOTSON,

District Superintendent.

MITCHELL DISTRICT.

W. S. Shepherd, District Superintendent.

Bishop Luccock and Brethren: In submitting to you my third annual report I do so with profound gratitude to Almighty God for His great goodness and mercy, and with thankfulness to my brethren both of the ministry and laity for their patience and uniform forbearance. Mitchell District has by the grace of God, the faithful and

efficient service of the pastors, and the earnest co-operation of the laity, made some progress during the year. Few changes have occurred in the personnel of the district. Just after the adjournment of last Conference Rev. A. W. Percy was assigned to Kennebec and Rev. K. R. Mansfeld to Iona and Hamill, left to be supplied. During the year Rev. E. V. Fisher resigned the pastorate of our church at Chamberlain and withdrew from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church to accept the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church at Keota, Iowa. Conference Evangelist Nels Fanebust finished the year's work at Chamberlain very creditably.

With scarcely an exception the health of our parsonage homes has been so preserved that the work has not suffered or been neglected on account of sickness. Death entered the home of Brother and Sister Howell of Vivian and took away a little life. Brother F. J. Norton, one of our retired ministers, died during the year after a protracted period of ill health. Brother and Sister Harrold of Murdo were made happy over the arrival of a precious little daughter in their home. In some sections of the district the conditions have been such as to bring real hardship and privation to some of our pastors, with not a little trial of their faith, but these men of God do not in this think some strange thing has happened unto them, but by common consent accept all of these as the inevitable inheritance of men called of God to preach His everlasting Gospel in these needy fields.

For some cause the year has not been marked by extensive revivals of religion. However, some charges report a goodly number of conversions and accessions. The Mitchell church reports 60 conversions and 117 accessions. Other places report conversions as follows: Kimball, 44; Fulton, 22; Gregory and Plankinton, 15 each; Murdo, 10. Total for the district, 362. Total number of accessions, 478. In some cases the pastors and official boards have carefully pruned the records and brought them up to date, thus eliminating names of persons who have gone or have been dead for years. This pruning of the records will reduce the total membership of the district below the figures of last year, but we rejoice that our conscience is clear in this matter.

We are able to present a commendable showing of something done in the way of building and improving church property and the paying off of old debts. Ethan has built a fine seven-room parsonage at a cost of \$1,600. The Geddes people have raised their church and put under it a basement complete and equipped in every way at an expense of \$1,800. Chamberlain has redecorated the church interior at a cost of \$150. Springfield has raised the funds with which to put a new furnace in the church. The Bridgewater church was repainted. The Mitchell Ladies' Aid thoroughly improved the parsonage to the extent of \$500. The Mitchell church has bought a lot just north of the present property with a valuation of \$5,000, upon which they will erect a building to accommodate the rapidly

growing Sunday school and to provide adequately for the social needs of their young people. At Kimball they are remodeling and enlarging the parsonage at the present time.

We are somewhat disappointed in the report on benevolences, but in the main I believe our pastors have done their best. Mitchell reports a total for all benevolences of about \$6,000; Alexandria, about \$900. For foreign missions, including the W. F. M. S., we give about \$3,000, and for home missions, including the W. H. M. S., about \$2,000. For Dakota Wesleyan our offering is about \$1,800. Our total offerings, not including other benevolences, about \$8,000.

We are pleased to report very flourishing conditions in the Sunday schools of the district. There are 69 Methodist schools, besides several union schools where our pastors preach. Most of these schools are loyal and use the supplies published by our Book Concern. Greater interest is taken in the work of the Epworth League than ever before. New chapters with a good membership have been organized at Tripp and Dolton. Two very successful sub-district organizations were effected that promise great things for our Epworthians in the year to come. The Junior Leagues do not flourish for lack of capable, consecrated leaders.

We wish to record most emphatically our appreciation of the work of the organizations under control of the women of Mitchell District. There are 42 Ladies' Aid Societies whose earnings this year aggregate the magnificent sum of \$11,416. Of this amount the Mitchell ladies gathered in \$3,500; Alexandria, \$505; Platte, \$500; Kennebec, \$444; Murdo, \$434; Geddes, \$430; Colome, \$340; Farmer, \$320. The auxiliaries of the W. F. M. S. report receipts amounting to \$1,530, and the W. H. M. S. about \$800.

The spring meeting of our District Ministerial Association was held at Mitchell in May, immediately after the inauguration of President Seaman of Dakota Wesleyan. It was a season of blessed fellowship and inspiration. We were fortunate in having the presence of two Bishops, McConnell and Luccock, whose addresses and lectures were greatly appreciated.

Our largest statistical showing this year is in the increased lists of subscribers to the Northwestern Christian Advocate. Our pastors have been frequently admonished to push this canvass and the reports indicate that they have been diligent and successful, for the list has gone up from 133 to 405. Two hundred and one Epworth Heralds are taken.

Dakota Wesleyan University has had a prosperous and successful year under the administration of the genial, capable and scholarly president, Dr. William Grant Seaman. The moral and religious interests of the students have been carefully safeguarded. The very atmosphere of the school is a spiritual tonic to all who come under

its influence. Dean Birney of the Boston School of Theology conducted a series of meetings in the college chapel during the winter months that brought great spiritual help to the students. In May Dr. Seaman was inaugurated as president of the university amidst ceremonies that were elaborate, imposing and dignified. The presence of a number of leading celebrities of the church added much to the significance of the occasion. The present year begins with the most encouraging prospects. To date the enrollment registers over 313. And they are still coming. The faculty has been increased until it now numbers thirty. I am sure it is very gratifying to the members of the Dakota Conference that Dr. C. V. Gilliland has returned to us and is in the midst of his activities as dean of the college and professor of history. Dr. Seaton has been granted a leave of absence for one year by the Board of Directors and is in Harvard University taking special work. New members of the faculty were never selected with greater care and discrimination than this year, and certainly the array of preaching talent and personality presented by President Seaman on opening day impressed all present as equalling if not excelling anything of the past. District Superintendent G. W. Rosenberry made the opening day address. It was fitting and forceful and helped all associated with the school to make a good, earnest start in the new year's work. Special mention should be made of the faithful work of Dr. J. P. Jenkins as field secretary of the university. No member of the Dakota Conference is so eminently fitted for this important work as Dr. Jenkins. Altogether we look for a great year for Dakota Wesleyan University.

Personally, the year has been rich in blessings and experience. My health has never been better. To reach all my appointments I have traveled over 17,000 miles. More than a thousand hearts and homes have been opened to me upon the district. The preachers and their families have done all they could to make my work pleasant, although sometimes I felt sad as I thought of the meager salaries and of the great need of our missionary societies and the other benevolent institutions of the church. But Mitchell District has a faithful band of ministers ready to do and to dare anything for God. They have made a record for eternity during the past year of which they will be proud when time is no more. No nobler band of heroines ever stood by their husbands in toil, sacrifice and victory than the wives of the preachers of Mitchell district. God bless them, every one. Their reward will be great in heaven. It is an honor as well as a privilege to be associated with such a royal company of followers of the Lord Jesus and to join in their shouts of victory and their songs of triumph. There have been difficulties along the pathway of the year, but our Lord has brought us through them all. To Him be all the glory.

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT.

G. W. Rosenberry, Superintendent.

Dear Bishop Luccock and Brethren: In presenting my first full annual report, I am led to record the fact that the office of District Superintendent offers a fine opportunity to live a strenuous life. Whether the present incumbent of this office has fully embraced that opportunity or not I am not in a position to give an unbiased opinion, but I can say that he honestly thinks he has.

Our Bishop.—For the first time in the history of Methodism on Sioux Falls District many of our people have had the privilege this year of seeing a live Bishop. Bishop Luccock laid the cornerstone of our new First Church of Sioux Falls on the afternoon of May 20 and afterward visited the churches at Hartford, Salem, Canistota, Parker and Hurley. Altogether 2,000 people had the privilege of meeting their Bishop personally, and his influence will long be felt in these places. Other charges are living in hopes, Bishop. Come again.

Sioux Falls District is not as large in area as some of the other districts of this Conference, as it only comprises the major portion of eight counties in the southeastern section of the state, but the population is more dense and the problem of our church work more acute in many places than in the newer fields.

We have church property on the district valued at \$225,000, with something less than \$2,000 indebtedness in the entire district, but much of this property is old and wholly inadequate for present day needs. Proper Sunday school work and social work is impossible in many fields until more room is provided. On several charges both the church and parsonage are now being used to house Sunday school classes. Sioux Falls District is at the threshold of a church building and improvement campaign. On some fields new churches must be erected, while on others basements and rooms for social work will be added to the church as it now stands.

Dr. J. W. Potter of First Church, Sioux Falls, is leading off in this campaign with the erection in Sioux Falls of a truly great church for that growing city. This great working plant will represent an outlay of \$90,000, and not a dollar is being wasted in high towers or other impracticable features. The outlook at present leads us to believe that this magnificent working plant will be dedicated free of debt. Dr. Potter is doing a great work for Methodism in this State as a builder, as a splendid preacher, and as an ever watchful and tireless pastoral worker. The benevolent offerings of his church will show an increase of from two to three hundred dollars over the high water mark of one year ago.

Salem, under the leadership of Paul Gardner, will reopen a church building within a short time that will be modern, beautiful and adapted to all the needs of that growing congregation.

Beresford, Jordan Church Sioux Falls, Burbank and Ellis are

all getting ready to build new churches, while Elk Point, Volin and Garretson will build basements or otherwise enlarge their present structures.

We now have a parsonage home on every charge on the district, Sister Ely of Valley Springs having completed the list when she deeded to that charge a house and four lots for Brother Geo. N. Gage's use. We hope he will soon follow Brothers Beardsley and Nash's example and be properly adjusted in life to make good use of it.

Canistota and Scotland have enlarged their parsonages at a cost of \$500 each and brothers I. P. Potter and John Kaye have very comfortable homes for their families. At Lennox the parsonage was improved inside by the Ladies' Aid Society and painted outside by Brothers Brethorst, Beardsley and Sherman. Minor improvements have been made at most other points touching both parsonages and churches, but we hasten on with this report.

The Ministry—The preachers on Sioux Falls District have, to a man, served their charges well throughout the year, and God has sealed their work with conversions on practically every charge. While these men of God have been ministering to others a few of them have had need of being ministered unto. Brother G. H. Book and wife were asked early in the year to trust God with the keeping of their sweet baby boy. Heaven is sweeter to these parents than ever before, and somehow their ministry to others has been more tender and helpful since their own hearts have suffered so. God has comforted and blessed them.

E. E. Saxton underwent a serious operation during the year, but we are glad to report that he now seems to be on the road to better health that he has enjoyed for a number of years. He gives God the glory.

Sister J. R. Krins was seriously ill for some time, but has been restored to her usual good health once more.

With these exceptions the health of those living in the parsonage homes has been generally good.

Conversions.—This has been a revival year on this district and our church membership would show a large increase were it not for removals of members at so many places, as we believe our increase will be sufficient to give us 4,000 members on the district, as against 3,700 last year. Salem has more than doubled the former membership, with an increase of 87. Canistota has seen more than 50 souls saved, and many of these are now in the church. Beresford continues to develop under the consecrated leadership of G. D. Brown. This is rapidly becoming one of the strong churches of the Conference. C. H. Graf of Gayville and Volin sees a goodly number of people saved. Converts this year, 33. Harrisburg charge, with O. P. Jackson as pastor, has had a gracious year and many souls saved.

First Church Sioux Falls has received during the year 50 by conversion and 87 by letter. Other charges reporting a fair number of converts are Dell Rapids, Wakonda, Alcester, Hartford, Davis, Centerville, Hurley, Parker, Valley Springs and Canton.

The District Camp Meeting.—The Camp Meeting Association of Sioux Falls District now owns clear of all incumbrances the best equipped camp grounds in all the Northwest. The Lord has in a very special manner blessed the work of this Camp to the spiritual quickening of the entire district. W. J. Hyde of the Rock River Conference, Dr. McKaig of Sioux City and our own Dr. J. P. Jenkins were our leaders this year, and practically every service saw sinners converted and believers sanctified.

Our District Epworth League Convention, our District Sunday School Association meeting, and our District Conference all met at Canton in connection with the camp meeting, thus making it possible for a large attendance at all these conferences as well as contributing much to the success of the camp meeting. Brother E. E. Hunt, the efficient secretary of the Camp Meeting Association, is responsible for much of the success already attained.

Benevolences—We have no plea of poor crops to make for our district. The people on every charge have been abundantly blessed with large crops, and where the benevolences are not in full other reasons must be given as the cause of shortage. At Centerville Bro. Krins gave letters to 28 good members, which meant great loss to that charge, and may be the cause of some shortage in benevolences. We have no more faithful worker on the district than Bro. Krins, and there is no shortage where he is if it can be helped. Some other charges will be a little short through neglect or an unwillingness to give God His own in material things.

Sioux Falls First Church, Gayville, Hartford, Dell Rapids, Wakonda, Beresford and Garretson will all be in excess of apportionments, while many others will be in full, and we believe the general apportionments will be met for the district.

Organizations Within the Church.—The Ladies' Aid Societies on the district have done a great work this year. At Yankton this society raised over \$1,100 during the year, and \$600 was used to pay a church extension loan of fourteen years' standing. At Scotland they enlarged the parsonage. At Sioux Falls \$2,000 have been gathered together this year for the new church. Everywhere they are the loyal helpers of the church.

The W. F. M. S. will show a stronger work on the district than on any previous year. This will be largely due to the fact that Alice Brethorst has been going up and down among these auxiliaries this year, inspiring them to do a greater work for God. We are glad that Miss Brethorst belongs to Sioux Falls district, and we assure her that as she so soon now returns to her beloved work in China, our prayers will follow her day by day, and our money will be sent

to her that she may under God do the work her heart longs to do in that field of so great opportunity. She will be accompanied this time by her sister, Marie, and Hilda Holmberg, of Mt. Zion, on the Centerville charge, and as they go Dakota Conference and Dakota Wesleyan prays that God will tenderly guide and care for them, for we have given our best to do this great work.

Church Federation.—While the proposition we are now to make to this Conference for its sanction is not so much Church Federation as it is exchange of fields, yet it has been made possible through the Annual Church Federation Conference that has been held in the State for some years past.

The Congregational Church will turn over to us all their church work at Garretson, including the building and furnishings, in exchange for our work and buildings at Meckling and Worthing. To some this may seem like exchanging two for one, but to those pastors who are acquainted with the fields it will not seem unfair. Meckling and Worthing together have less than a dozen members who will be affected by the exchange. The advantage of this exchange by both denominations is the opportunity of an open field in which to work, and the elimination of two, weak, struggling organizations in fields so small that the very presence of two churches is hurtful in its influence upon the community where they are located. On the other hand, two of God's ministers are worn out trying to keep the work alive, and of necessity competing one with the other.

Sioux Falls District will be strengthened by the exchange, as Garretson will now pay \$1,000 salary to the right man, and that man will have one of the most delightful fields in Dakota Conference in which to work, with a splendid opportunity for rapid development.

Now, then, with deep gratitude to God for the privilege of working with the brethren in the ministry, the Official Boards, and the 4,000 members of our churches on Sioux Falls District, I close this report, with the declaration of the prophet, Habbakkuk, and making that declaration my own, when he said, "I will stand upon my watch and set me on the tower, and I will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when he reasons with me."

REPORT FOR WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

Orien E. Boyce, District Superintendent.

Bishop Luccock, Fathers and Brothers: Watertown District has been doing business along progressive lines during the year. All our men have been looking forward and working hard. Practically every preaching point has witnessed revival efforts during the year. In all sixty-one weeks have been given to special effort on the District. Four hundred and forty professed conversion. We have received into the church 414, while 207 are still on probation. Our membership now stands:

On roll last Conference	3,441
Received this year	414
Present membership	3,855
Dismissed by letter	194
Net membership	3,661

This shows a net gain of 220, and 207 probationers. We also have 210 removals without letter.

We are called to chronicle twenty-three deaths. One parsonage home at Brookings was visited and little Ocean went away. Bro. and sister Bruce have our full sympathy. Bro. H. M. Springer passed away last January. All honor to our heros.

Sickness has invaded a number of homes. Sisters Loveall, Ozanne, Minkler, Darling and Rawlinson have been very ill. We are pleased to report improvement in all cases. Evidences of international peace are to be seen within our borders, four baby girls being the token. These messengers of peace are to be found in the homes of Bros. Fred Ray, Lawrence Layne, R. A. Bruce and C. B. Dennison.

It is my sad duty to report the serious illness of our much beloved brother, Lawrence L. Layne. He is suffering from tuberculosis of the spine and will require to take absolute rest for many months. We pray for him. Bro. Butterfield has been closing the year's work at Clark.

We report one new parsonage this year. Bro. C. B. Dennison built a very fine pastor's home at Chester and only \$278 remains to be paid on it. We have less than \$2,000 of debt on the district that is not provided for. Arlington has covered her \$1,400 debt on the parsonage with \$2,200 subscription in interest bearing notes. Frankfort covered a \$900 debt with over \$1,000 with interest bearing notes. Lake Preston has done the same. Bruce has paid off her debt. Other places have been giving attention to debt raising until we are able to report most of our debt fully provided for. Our Ladies' Aid could pay off all our unprovided for debts with the money they have in their treasury and not have to borrow a cent. Paid on indebtedness, \$3,804. Our Sunday school enrollment is 4,382.

We have 684 Epworth League members. Last spring we held a very helpful convention at Flandreau, having with us our Bishop, our President and our Secretary of the Board of Education. We are justly proud of these men. Brother Crowther was also present and gave us an inspiring address. We plan to hold a five-day institute next summer at Lake Madison. You are all invited to come over. The Leagues are placing a large sterilizer in the Deaconess Hospital at Brookings. We have eight Junior Leagues with a membership of about 400. They are doing good work and we are proud of them. A class of about twenty members has been formed at Irving and Bro. Boslaugh is looking after the work from Frank-

fort. Two of our charges have been seriously affected by the drought, Frankfort and Doland. They are sending in a good report notwithstanding this great drawback.

Benevolences will be practically in full on the district. We will report for:

Missions	\$2,112
H. M. and Church Extension	1,879
Education	1,157
W. F. M. S.	1,954
W. H. M. S.	476
Other Benevolences	7,866

Total\$15,435

The Ladies' Aid Societies have raised \$6,856 and paid out \$5,034, and have on hand \$1,822.

Watertown District has a unique organization in its preacher chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Boyce. The chorus is proving to be a bond tying our men more closely together.

I neglected to report church improvements earlier, but will put them in here. Junius painted parsonage and church, built a summer kitchen and fence and planted a number of trees. DeSmet painted parsonage and church. (May I depart from the subject a moment to say that Bro. John Oakley broke his arm ten days ago when cranking his automobile.) Arlington painted parsonage and installed electric lights. Clear Lake put in a cement sidewalk and also electric lights in the church, while Bro. R. A. Storm placed a piano in the church at Brookings. Gary dug a well and put on a number of smaller improvements. Garden City painted church and parsonage. Bradley put steel wall and ceiling on the church. Florence put in new pews, also revarnished the interior and painted the exterior of their church, while Lake Nichols decorated the interior of their church. Elrod excavated and finished basement of church. Total, \$2,833.

Just a word about our Deaconess Hospital at Brookings. We have no reason to regret our action of one year ago, when we accepted this hospital as a gift from the Brookings people. My latest information is that over 200 patients have registered at the Hospital since last January. Quite extensive improvements were made when we first took hold of the institution, and we now have a plant easily worth \$20,000. Of all the operations performed there has not been a single death. Think of it, brethren. Can you beat it? Has any hospital in the land a better record? I am not authorized to make this statement, and Miss Moore will pardon, I am sure, but the directors have opened the hospital to all preachers of all denominations and their families absolutely free of charge. That hospital is there to serve, and we ask your co-operation in this great work.

The Reports of Committees

THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

The American Bible Society has sent out ninety-eight million copies of the Holy Scriptures during the ninety-six years of its work. Last year it circulated more than four million copies, printed in one hundred and ten different languages.

In view of these tremendous facts, we recommend that the ministers of this Conference make a strenuous effort to meet their full apportionment to this society. We further recommend that during this Conference year one Sabbath be observed as Bible Day on all our charges for the purpose of putting greater emphasis upon the Bible, its value and use.

Wm. N. Deller, President.

W. J. Dudgeon, Secretary.

AUDITING CONFERENCE TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

Your committee on auditing the accounts of the Conference Treasurer have examined books, vouchers and accounts and found them carefully and accurately kept.

A. P. Janes, President.

R. M. Howell, Secretary.

AUDITING ACCOUNTS OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.

We have examined the accounts of the District Superintendents and found them correct. In view of the fact that no uniform method is followed by the District Superintendents in submitting their accounts we recommend the following method: That each set of checks be submitted in their order according to quarters, together with the designation of the charge to which the money was applied, accompanied by a signed statement from the recipient of the money.

S. H. Shurtleff, President.

John Wood, Secretary.

DEACONESS BOARD OF NINE.

During the past Conference year the Deaconess work has taken permanent form in our Conference and State and in the establishment of the Deaconess Hospital at Brookings. This hospital has done most excellent work. The property received from the city of Brookings, valued at \$20,000, is excellently equipped. Deaconesses are holding the positions of superintendent, supervisor of nurses and field secretary. We recommend the renewal of the license of

Miss Winfred Crouch and Emma M. Moberg, the granting of a license to Miss Clara Black, the acceptance of the transfer of Miss Emma M. Moberg of the Montana Conference and Miss Eleanor S. Moore of the Rock River Conference, and the acceptance of Miss Sadie P. Newman, Comelia Rodenfels and Agnes L. Garber as Deaconess Probationers.

We wish to express our very great appreciation for the courtesy extended to the ministers of this Conference and their families by the hospital, physicians and surgeons. Resolved, that we heartily commend the work of this institution and shall cheerfully co-operate in assisting to carry forward their work.

R. G. Minkler, President.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

In view of the fact that some charges have not observed the disciplinary provision as to prorating the amounts received for ministerial support, resolved,

First, that we urge every pastor to instruct his people upon this important matter.

Second, that this matter be scrupulously observed by each pastor in his report to the next Annual Conference.

Third, that the District Superintendents be requested to carefully inquire, at each fourth quarterly Conference, whether the provisions of the discipline have been carried out.

Committee.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF STEWARDS.

We find the following amounts available for distribution:

Reported from charges	\$3,289.00
From the Book Concern	1,997.00
From the Chartered Fund	30.00
From the Connectional Fund	150.00
From Endowment Interest	1,175.00

Total \$6,641.00

Five per cent of amount received from charges goes to the Connectional Board, leaving to our claimants \$6,477.00.

We recommend the following distribution of this amount:

D. W. Chamberlain, Scotland, S. D.	\$ 175.00
G. J. Corwin, Centerville, S. D.	200.00
E. E. Dean, Huron, S. D.	175.00
W. D. Deeble, Bath, S. D.	300.00
W. O. Gram, Bath, S. D.	125.00
J. G. Hall, Holtsville, Cal.	185.00
L. Hartsough, Mount Vernon, Iowa	410.00
A. Jamieson, Correctionville, Iowa	375.00
L. L. Layne, Asbury Hospital, Minneapolis, Minn.	135.00

O. A. Phillips, Mitchell, S. D.	300.00
D. Rifenbark, Big Stone, S. D.	100.00
T. Simmons, Faulkton, S. D.	350.00
A. E. Tanner, Mitchell, S. D.	250.00
Thomas Wilkinson, Siloam Springs, Ark.	200.00
T. H. Youngman, Canon City, Col.	275.00
Mrs. S. F. Brown, Hamilton, N. Y.	207.00
Mrs. Myra Coon, Minneapolis, Kan.	160.00
Mrs. Anna Cooper, Leads, England	275.00
Mrs. Alida Corey, Chehalis, Wash.	160.00
Mrs. Achsah B. Curl, Oakland, Cal.	220.00
Mrs. A. V. Fawell, University Place, Lincoln, Neb.	175.00
Mrs. Frank Fox	175.00
Mrs. Kate Hoadley, Seattle, Wash.	200.00
Mrs. Elizabeth McClean, Mitchell, S. D.	175.00
Mrs. W. F. Minty, Mitchell, S. D.	175.00
Mrs. F. J. Norton, Mitchell, S. D.	250.00
Mrs. H. M. Springer, Evarts, Vt.	175.00
Mrs. T. H. Walker, Little Rock, Ark.	200.00
Mrs. Mary Waashburn, Downers Grove, Ill.	175.00
Harrold Nichols, per J. P. Jenkins, Mitchell, S. D.	175.00
To the Connectional Fund	164.00

Total \$6,641.00

After careful computation we find that it will be necessary for the charges to raise at least 3 per cent of amounts paid for support of Pastors and District Superintendents in order that the comfortable support contemplated by discipline may be assured our retired preachers.

A. S. Loveall, President.

A. E. Carhart, Secretary.

LAYMAN'S ASSOCIATION, 1913.

The Methodist Layman's Association of the Dakota Conference held their annual meeting at Redfield Friday and Saturday, October 3rd and 4th, 1913.

The meeting this year began with a banquet, which was tendered to the lay delegates by the Redfield Commercial Club. It was given in the Congregational Church at 7:00 p. m. on Friday evening. The banquet proved a very enjoyable affair and much credit was given the Commercial Club for their hospitality.

S. E. Morris of Mitchell acted as toastmaster and short toasts were given by Bishop Luccock and Governor Byrnes. At the close of the banquet the delegate members of the Commercial Club assembled in the audience room of the Congregational Church to listen to a very able address given by Judge Chas. A. Pollock of Fargo, N. D., who had been secured by the Lay Association. Judge Pollock's ad-

dress was universally regarded as one of the best speeches of the 1913 Conference.

On Saturday morning the members of the Association met at 9:30. The meeting was called to order by Dr. C. V. Gilliland of Dakota Wesleyan University, who conducted the devotional exercises. At the close of the devotion President J. M. Johnston of Bradley called the meeting to order and the program as printed for Saturday forenoon was then carried out in full as follows:

9:30—Praise service.

10:00—Paper, "The Churchman of Today," J. A. Pool.

Discussion—Dr. C. V. Fox, Dr. B. A. Bobb.

10:30—Paper, "Opportunities of the Village Church," H. E. Dawes.

Discussion—W. M. McDonald, Mrs. J. A. Riske.

11:30—Paper, "Pastoral Efficiency," R. L. Brown.

Discussion—J. H. Hetley, F. E. VanDemark.

All the papers presented were most timely and able and the discussion proved of great interest to all present. At the close of the program for the forenoon President Johnston announced the following committees, who were requested to prepare and report at the business session of the afternoon:

Committee on Nominations: W. M. McDonald, Mt. Vernon, S. D.; V. T. Reynolds, Dell Rapids, S. D.; F. S. Brown, Doland, S. D.; Will Strong, Athol, S. D.; C. O. Murphy, Elrod, S. D.

Committee on Resolutions—Prof. M. M. Ramer, Pierre, S. D.; Wm. Carpenter, Andover, S. D.; Mrs. Caroline Sampson, Sioux Falls, S. D.; A. Albee, Mellette, S. D.; Mr. Gordon, Gary, S. D.

Committee on Dakota Wesleyan—R. L. Brown, Aberdeen, S. D.; M. A. Shuster, Miller, S. D.; Jay L. Beck, Parker, S. D.; O. D. Rodman, Watertown, S. D.; F. E. VanDemark, Hartford, S. D.

After the appointment of committees the Secretary and Treasurer made a report on the finances of the Association and a general collection was then taken, amounting to \$43.25. The meeting then adjourned to meet at 1:30 P. M.

The afternoon session began with an address at 1:30 by Bishop Luccock. At the closing of the address, Bishop Luccock asked permission to present G. T. Notson, District Superintendent of the Huron District, to address the laymen in regard to the condition of the Pierre church, making an appeal in behalf of that church.

President W. G. Seaman was again introduced to present "The Church School."

Prof. C. V. Gilliland of Dakota Wesleyan University spoke in behalf of the faculty.

Dr. Jenkins spoke of the financial needs connected with the school.

Dr. Hancher of the General Education Board spoke briefly on the subject of the school and preparation of ministers particularly,

and President Seaman then closed the subject.

The work and needs of the Deaconess Hospital located at Brookings, S. D., was then presented by Miss Eleanor S. Moore.

Mr. Samuel H. Kirkbride of Chicago then addressed the Association particularly on the subject of the "American Bible Society."

Following these various addresses the business session of the Association was called to order and a report of committees made as follows:

Committee on Nominations made the following report:

For President—J. A. Pool, Redfield, S. D.

For Vice President—R. L. Brown, Aberdeen, S. D.; W. T. McConnell, Wessington Springs, S. D.; M. M. Ramer, Pierre, S. D.; Frank B. Smith, Dr. W. W. King.

For Secretary and Treasurer—A. T. Downey.

This report was signed by the members of the committee.

It was then moved and carried that the rules of the Association be suspended and that the Secretary be authorized to cast a unanimous ballot for the Association for the candidate whose name was presented by the Nominating Committee. The Secretary then cast the ballot and declared the persons nominated to be elected to the various offices for the ensuing year.

The report of the committee on resolutions was then presented by the chairman, M. M. Ramer, of Pierre, as follows:

Whereas, the 1913 session of the Layman's Conference has been unusually successful,

Resolved, That we extend our gratitude to the officers and those who participated in the program;

That we express our appreciation for the use of the Congregational Church, which has been placed at our disposal.

That we doubly thank the Commercial Club for the banquet spread for us, and the people of Redfield generally who have contributed to our comfort.

Whereas, The address of Judge C. A. Pollock was so timely, and that the general arguments which he presented are so vital for the suppression of the liquor traffic and all kindred evils,

Resolved, That along with our gratitude to Judge Pollock we take this means to express our hope that the great Columbus Temperance Convention may result in some great movement which may terminate in National Prohibition, and that we pledge the Methodism of South Dakota to lift its last ounce in the direction of this happy conclusion.

Resolved, further, that we pledge every Methodist man and woman to stand in the open, committed to the downfall of evil practices and to the uplift of decency and order in our several communities.

Whereas, The efficiency of the Lay Association will be increased as the number of laymen present at the sessions increases;

Resolved, That we ask the District Superintendents to make a special effort to secure the appointment of delegates from the various charges who will attend.

Whereas, Bishop Luccock and Dr. Notson report the Pierre church to be in danger of bankruptcy;

Resolved, That we approve of the action of the Ministerial Conference relative to the Pierre church and its crisis, and that we pledge our assistance in every reasonable way to save the church to Methodism.

(Signed)

M. M. Ramer,
Wm. Carpenter,
R. J. Gordon,
Mrs. Sampson,
Mr. Albee.

FINANCIAL STATMENT FOR 1913.

Bal. carried over from 1912	\$ 6.00
Collection at Redfield	43.25
Total	\$49.25
Paid to Pres. J. M. Johnston for expenses of Judge Pollock...	26.75
Paid Central Hotel, Redfield, bill of Judge Pollock.....	2.50
Paid Cox & Durkee, Mitchell, S. D., for printing programs	
and credentials of appointment for delegates	8.75
Paid for postage and stenographer	8.00
Total	\$46.00
Balance on hand October 8, ..1913.....	\$ 3.25

Report of the Committee on Dakota Wesleyan University was then presented and the report is herewith explained.

The Christian College or University is our base of supplies. We must look to it it largely for leadership in both pulpit and pew. Unless the church shall educate its pastors, teachers, deaconesses, nurses, official laymen, indeed its own leadership, we shall find ourselves without such leadership within two generations if not within one generation. Our Conference medium for such education is Dakota Wesleyan University. We, the Laymen's Conference of the Dakota Conference, representing 19,000 members and having an additional constituency of probably 30,000 people, congratulate the President, Trustees and faculty of Dakota Wesleyan on the splendid results achieved thus far. Dakota Wesleyan University must offer to our children and young people as good opportunities as they can get anywhere else. To the end that the Kingdom of our Lord may triumph in the earth, we pledge this splendid College our sympathetic interest and loyal support in friends, students and money to the limit of our ability and means,

and will co-operate with its administrative officers and faculty to these ends.

(Signed)

R. L. Brown, Chairman Committee.

After the various reports had been approved, the Secretary was asked to present the subject of the finance benevolence of the Association. It was found in looking over the records of former meetings that in 1911 the Association had passed a resolution asking the District Superintendents to make a levy of one-fourth of one per cent of the pastors' salary on all charges to the Conference, and transmit the funds of same to Treasurer not later than April 1st of each year. It appeared that this resolution had never been presented to the Bishop's department in session.

It was therefore moved, seconded and carried that the duly elected officers constitute a committee to secure an appointment with the Bishop and the Cabinet and to present this resolution.

After some further discussion as to the privileges and prospects of the Association, it was moved and carried that we do now adjourn.

Signed)

A. S. Downey, Secretary.

EPWORTH LEAGUES.

Believing that our Conference has not given sufficient emphasis to the possibilities of the Epworth League, and believing that the success of our church lies in the development of our young people into strong, positive Christian character, we recommend:

First—That we organize an Epworth League in every charge possible.

Second—We urge the District Superintendents to co-operate with the local Leagues in their work of organization and rehabilitation, and, further, that they effect a district organization in every district at the earliest moment possible.

Third—That the District Cabinet take the necessary steps toward a state organization.

We rejoice in the increased efficiency of the Epworth Herald and urge the fourth vice presidents to exercise their utmost endeavor to further extend its circulation.

Fred H. Ray, President.

A. H. Beardsley, Secretary.

FREEDMAN'S AID.

Since the Emancipation Proclamation, the Freedmen's Aid Society has been one of the foremost agencies for the uplift of the negro race. However, it will not have completed its work until every educational institution it has created stands upon a firm basis, is thoroughly equipped, liberally endowed, and every black person has been given an opportunity for education. We pledge

our sympathy and aid to this work.

A. M. Lott, President.

R. B. Hughes, Secretary.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We rejoice in the successes of the foreign mission fields and at the opportunities that challenge the church.

We recommend to the pastors the plans of the Board of Foreign Missions and Finance Commission.

We especially commend the Parish Board Plan for charges and groups of charges.

We desire to express our appreciation for the addresses of the Rev. J. E. Crowther and Dr. A. A. Parker and pledge them our hearty co-operation in this great work of extending the Kingdom.

W. A. Black, President.

R. A. Bruce, Secretary.

HOSPITALS.

We note with pleasure the splendid work being done by the Deaconess Hospitals at Brookings and Rapid City. During the past year they have treated seven hundred patients. We endorse them and recommend them to our people. We recommend that this Conference create a commission consisting of one member from each district for the purpose of mapping out fields for hospital representation and to make an equitable division of the territory in which each shall operate.

J. A. Willey, President.

G. M. Richmond, Secretary.

HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

Appreciating the work done for this Conference by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, we pledge them our hearty support and urge the pastors to meet their apportionment in full and more where possible.

M. E. Nickerson, President.

A. P. Janes, Secretary.

TEMPERANCE.

We wish to record our appreciation of the work being done by our Church Temperance Society. It is a great programme of temperance agitation and education. It is circulating millions of leaflets touching every phase of the liquor question. Its book, "Die or Dry, the American Dilemma," is having an immense circulation. Its street and park meetings have resulted in ninety thousand men signing the pledge within the last two years.

We recommend:

First, that Sunday, November 2, be observed as Temperance

Sunday in all our churches, and that the pastors preach a temperance sermon and take a free will offering for our Church Temperance Society in accordance with the provisions of the discipline, paragraph 479.

Second, J. S. Hoagland, A. E. Carhart, P. O. Bunt and E. E. Hunt as our representatives on the Board of the Anti-Saloon League of South Dakota.

We express our sincere and hearty appreciation of the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and bid it God speed in its work for the overthrow of the liquor traffic in South Dakota, America and the world.

We record our endorsement of the work done in South Dakota during the past year by the Anti-Saloon League under the leadership of the Rev. R. N. Holsaple.

We rejoice in the advance step taken by Congress in the passage of the Webb bill and in the action of President Woodrow Wilson in closing the saloons on the canal zone, but deeply deplore his action in appointing a brewer to represent this great Christian nation in Bulgaria.

We commend the action of Richard P. Hobson of Alabama in introducing in Congress an amendment to the Constitution for the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages in the United States of America and rejoice that all the great organized enemies of the liquor traffic are coming together for this great end.

We believe the time has come when no man should receive the support of a Christian voter until he openly pledges himself to use the power and prestige of his office for the overthrow of this utterly indefensible traffic.

R. C. Shearer, President.

A. E. Carhart, Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sunday Schools submits the following report:

We affirm the traditional position of the Methodist Church with reference to the importance of our Sunday schools.

We note and commend the work being done by our Board of Sunday Schools. Our publications are second to none.

During the past year the work of our Conference Sunday School Missionary has been aggressive and satisfactory. We recommend the continuation of this office.

We commend the work being done by our Board of Education through the Children's Fund. It has a fund of \$1,600,000.00, \$1,400,000.00 of which is to be invested in the education of Christian workers. In the distribution of this fund our Conference has shared in a most liberal way. During the past year there has come back

to the students of Dakota Wesleyan University nearly three dollars for every dollar contributed by our Sunday Schools.

We commend the efforts being made by the State Sunday School Association to help the schools to larger efficiency. We pledge our co-operation to the leadership of Mr. I. N. Halliday, the Field Secretary of this Association.

We urge our pastors to see that the reports made to the State Association be punctual and accurate in order that the Sunday school statistics compiled by the Bureau of Statistics at Washington, D. C., may give the Sunday schools of our country due and proper credit.

Franklin F. Lewis, President.

J. E. McKinney, Secretary.

EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education offers the following report:

We have as a Conference often recorded our judgment of the vital necessity of our denominational colleges to the success and prosperity of our denominational enterprises and of their large value to the state. It is gratifying to note a series of emphatic and significant utterances in support of this conviction from prominent citizens and from conspicuous State University presidents. One of these presidents within a few months said: "The movements of God in human history, the influence of religious conviction born of the study of the Bible, the influence of moral ideas inspired by the Man of Nazareth, will some day be given their rightful place in the presentation of our national history, and for that we must look to the denominational college more than to any other one source."

That distinguished citizen, whose liberality toward Dakota Wesleyan University is increasingly appreciated, Mr. James J. Hill, is reported to have said: "I believe the small denominational college will be the salvation of the country."

We express the judgment that the duty of parents to give their children the advantages of higher education even at the cost of sacrifice to themselves is a Christian obligation. We rejoice in the prosperity of our own schools and commend them to the increased liberality of our people.

The church does not yet fully comprehend the rapidly enlarging scope of the work actually done by the Board of Education under the legislation of the last two General Conferences. The Children's Day Loan Fund, the administration of which was formerly the chief concern of this Board, is of increasing value and was never more worthy of our contributions. It continues to aid more than two thousand students a year. But important as it is, it at present stands as only one of a number of equally valuable activities.

The Board of Education now directs and supports the Mission schools among the mountaineers of the South, a work certainly worthy of the liberality of our people. In addition, the Board is striving to aid our Methodist colleges, universities and secondary schools to meet the ever increasing financial burdens incident to maintaining the higher degree of educational efficiency demanded by modern conditions. A few grants in aid have been made; more would be if the Board had the funds. But more helpful even than this has been the policy of the Board, which during the last school year has placed the experience and personal aid of its Secretary and others under his direction at the service of our schools in the actual work of counseling, inspiring, publicizing, organizing and assisting in manifold ways in the campaign, which have actually saved several of them from disaster, all this, as a rule, without expense to the institutions. This personal aid and sympathetic co-operation has been more valuable than gifts of money, but if it could be accompanied by small conditional gifts, which would inspire local effort, it would be worth still more.

The assistance rendered our institution through the literature of the Board, notably "The Christian Student," through the advice and co-operation of men of wide educational experience, through the Teachers' Bureau, and through its efforts in co-operation with the Commission on Evangelism to promote the moral and religious care of Methodist young people in all institutions of learning, entitles the Board of Education to the increasing consideration of our people and ought to indicate to us the need of raising the collection for this Board in full.

The plan of unifying the public educational collection should be made effective. We recommend the fixing of the apportionment at fifty cents a member for the combined Board of Education and Dakota Wesleyan University offering, as during the past year. Of the amount received, 20 per cent would, according to the discipline, go to the Board of Education and 80 per cent to Dakota Wesleyan, the one educational institution under the definite patronage and support of this Conference. The Board of Education has, however, voluntarily relinquished its right to more than the Hillingshead apportionment, which amounts to a little more than five cents a member, both for the past year and the ensuing year, so that nearly ninety cents of every dollar contributed will go to our own Conference College. This concession to the urgent needs of Dakota Wesleyan by the Board of Education is thoroughly appreciated.

Our interest in the Biblical schools maintained by the church is unabated. The reports which our official visitors to Garrett, Drew and Boston Schools of Theology bring back to us indicate that the administration of these schools is alert and modern; that they are constantly striving to frame their courses in the light of the best determinations of religious pedagogy; that they are constantly

adding clinical features designed to keep the prospective pastors abreast of the conditions under which they must do their work. A recent questionnaire shows that the men trained in these schools are a unit in testimony to the helpful influence of the institutions on their own religious life and development, as well as promotive of larger efficiency in the practical work of the ministry. We again request the District Superintendents and the Board of Examiners faithfully to counsel our young ministers to avail themselves of the training afforded by these theological schools in addition to the discipline secured in the college courses.

The greatest single interest of Dakota Methodism is Dakota Wesleyan University. We rejoice in the splendid support our ministers and people have given it. Their support is justified by the work the school has done in sending out educated Christian young men and women to be leaders in all good causes in this and other States and in foreign lands. We bespeak the continued devotion of our people to the splendid project of establishing an institution of higher learning completely equipped for the fullest Christian education, not only in buildings, apparatus and faculty, but also in the permanent endowment necessary to carry on its great work.

We commend the high religious and educational standards of Dakota Wesleyan University. The University has never had a better faculty; this year it has the largest in its history. English literature has been separated from public speaking, and history from the social sciences, and a professor of English and another of history have been added to the faculty. A librarian has also been added. Among the new members of the teaching force is our brother, Dr. C. V. Gilliland. We heartily welcome his return to our Conference and school. We hope he will spend the rest of his days with us.

We regret that it has not been possible to complete the gymnasium and social hall. We trust that through the prompt payment of subscriptions and the additional gifts of friends of the University this much needed building may soon be constructed.

The first year of President Seaman's administration abundantly justifies the wisdom of his selection. His genial personal qualities, his thorough grasp of modern educational problems, his tact and wisdom as an administrator, and his splendid platform ability prove him the right man for the place.

Every year that Dr. Jenkins gives to the financial work of the University only intensifies the conviction that he must continue. His persuasive appeals for "Christian Stewardship," his genial approach to men, and his great success in raising endowment make him indispensable to the work of the University.

In view of the great importance of selecting for membership on the Board of Directors of Dakota Wesleyan University men of ability, wisdom and a spirit of service, we recommend that the

filling of present vacancies on that Board be referred to our District Superintendents with power to select the new members from **among** those nominated in the customary manner. We suggest that they select no men who do not indicate their willingness to give personal attention to the interests of the University.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

1. We deplore the desecration of the holy Sabbath by the indulgence of joy riding, baseball, Sunday theaters and all other evils commonly practiced on the Lord's Day.

2. We urge every pastor to preach a sermon on Sabbath observance, in accordance with the provision of the discipline.

3. We endorse every legislation that looks toward the protection of the Sabbath as a day for rest and worship.

L. W. Darling, President.

J. F. Franklin, Secretary.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

In view of the splendid service rendered our preachers and their families by the Woman's Home Missionary Society we recommend that all our pastors lend their aid to this work by opening their pulpits to its representatives, and by hearty co-operation with the State Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. S. Shepherd of Mitchell, the District Secretaries and the local organizations.

L. A. McDonald, President.

Fred Ray, Secretary.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

We cannot too strongly commend the work of this organization of Christian women.

We record with pride the names of two young women just going out to the missionary work, Miss Marie Brethorst to China with her sister, Miss Alice Brethorst, and Miss Hilka Helmberg to Malaysia. We pray that the God of all grace and blessing may go with them and make them fruitful in His service in their far away fields.

Again we pledge our support to the work of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of our Conference and Church.

J. T. B. Smith, President.

J. S. Ellis, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

Be it resolved, by the Dakota Conference in session at Redfield, S. D., October, 1913:

That all pastors serving charges in this Conference be requested to submit to their official boards for their examination and approval all official reports to be made to the Annual Conference

and to be published in the minutes.

We further request the District Superintendents to bring this matter to the attention of each fourth quarterly Conference.

A. P. Janes, President.

PRO-RATING RESOLUTION.

Your Commission beg to report the following:

1. It is the sense of this commission that railroad expenses incurred in attending the Annual Conference should be pro-rated among all who are under appointment of the Bishop within the bounds of the Dakota Conference.

2. That said pro-rating be placed in the hands of E. E. Hunt, our Railway Secretary, with power to name his own assistants.

3. That this plan shall be put into operation at the session of the Conference in 1914 to be held at Wessington Springs, S. D.

O. W. Taylor, President.

John Wood, Secretary.

DANCING IN STATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

The Dakota Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, representing a constituency of sixteen thousand members in the State of South Dakota, desires by this resolution to enter protest against the dance as a form of amusement prevalent in some of our state institutions of learning and encouraged by the faculties thereof.

We submit:

First—That the present time is marked by a mania for dancing and by the recrudescence or invention of many styles of dancing that are positively indecent and a menace to morals.

2. That many parents do not want their sons and daughters initiated into or encouraged in a form of amusement which at its best might well be replaced by some other against which no objection can be urged and which at its worst is demoralizing and morally indefensible.

3. That dancing as a form of amusement is condemned by practically all of the churches, that Christian sentiment is quite uniformly against it, and that the young people from Christian homes in attendance at these institutions have therefore often to exercise a choice between being untrue to their consciences or being deprived of association with their fellow students in the social life of the school.

We therefore respectfully memorialize the honorable Board of Regents of Education of the State of South Dakota to take this matter under advisement and if possible to make such regulations as will banish the dance as a social amusement from the institutions under their charge.

We instruct the Secretary of this Conference to transmit a

copy of this resolution to the president of the Board of Regents.

A. E. Buriff, President.

W. A. Black, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved First, that we, the Dakota Conference assembled in our twenty-ninth annual session in the city of Redfield, S. D., do hereby express our appreciation of the good will, cordiality and united efforts of the city of Redfield, the Commercial Club, and the pastor, the Rev. Ernest Holgate, which have made this Conference such a delightful occasion.

Second, that we express our appreciation to the German Methodist and Congregational people of this city for their brotherly assistance.

Third, that we heartily thank the ladies of the Congregational Church, who have so efficiently served meals.

Fourth, Also we express our gratitude to the State School for their courtesy and splendid programme; to those who rendered such delightful service in music, including the local choir, Madame Brune, the Watertown chorus under the direction of Mrs. O. E. Boyce, the Conference quartet, and Mrs. C. A. McMichael; to the local press for their courtesies, to our beloved and brotherly Bishop, the Rev. Naphtali Luccock, D. D., L.L.D., for his inspiring fellowship, his able administration and eloquent messages, and we assure him of the loyalty and support of the Dakota Conference.

Nels Fanebust, President.

Memoirs

THE REV. HENRY M. SPRINGER.

(By Rev. J. P. Jenkins.)

Henry M. Springer, a retired preacher of the Dakota Conference, died at his home near Evarts, Vt., on January 24, 1913, after a protracted illness from cancer of the stomach. He was born in Joliet, Ill., December 19, 1842, and was one of seven children. He also was one of a family of ministers, both his grandfathers and his father having been Methodist ministers, as also were two of his brothers, himself and his son, John. Brother Springer's father, himself, a brother, and his son, John M., were presiding elders in the Methodist Church. At the age of 19 Brother Springer crossed the plains to Colorado and there enlisted at the outbreak of the Civil War in the First Colorado Cavalry. This regiment saw hard service in a wide area and its engagements were often severe. Before being mustered out he had seen three years and two months of service. Following the war two years were spent in trips upon the plains, after which he spent several years at Carthage, Ill., learning the printer's trade. It was here that he met and later married Mary Ann Durant. While engaged as a printer he was licensed as an exhorter, then as a local preacher. He was admitted on trial at the last session of the Northwest Wisconsin Conference, September, 1867, and received into full membership and ordained deacon at the West Wisconsin Conference at La Crosse, October, 1870; ordained elder in the same Conference at Eau Claire September, 1872. At the session of the West Wisconsin Conference September, 1873, he was granted a supernumerary relation to attend school at Evanston. Instead of going to school he went to Scales Mound, Ill., Rock River Conference, and supplied until Conference, 1874, when he was transferred to that Conference. At its session in 1883 he was sent to Dakota territory and stationed at Brookings. In 1892, at the session of the Dakota Conference, he was superannuated, but was made effective again in 1893. At Sioux Falls, October 13, 1900, he was finally superannuated. Mr. Springer's service of seventeen years in South Dakota was almost entirely on circuits where distances, pioneer conditions and severity of weather made it difficult. In all he rounded out thirty-five years of active ministry. During the later years, following his retirement, his interest in the work never lagged. He supplied several charges regularly, and was ever active in Church and Christian work. Three years after his retirement Mr. Springer chose a home in Vermont, near Hartford, where he resided until

about three years ago, when he purchased and moved to the home where he died. The following members of his family survive him: Mrs. Mary A. Springer, his widow; two daughters, Mrs. B. S. Henderson, Chicago, Ill., Mrs. A. W. Arnold, Watertown, S. D.; six sons, Thomas Martin, Hazel, S. D.; John M., Africa; Isaac E., Barre, Vt.; George D., Evanston, Ill., Harry B., Chester, Mass.; and Wilbur, of Evarts, Vt. Funeral services were held at the Methodist Episcopal Church, White River Junction, Vt., the Rev. S. H. Smith, pastor, officiating. Burial in the Hartford (Vt.) cemetery.

THE REV. FRANCIS J. NORTON.

The Rev. Francis J. Norton was born near Utica, N. Y., December 16, 1851, and died at Yankton, S. D., November 19, 1912, being at the time of his death slightly less than 61 years of age. In 1855 his family removed to Iowa and in that state the greater part of his life was spent. He was converted at 16 years of age, and in 1879 became a member of the Upper Iowa Conference, in which body he did strong and effective service during the following sixteen years. In the year 1884 he married Miss Ella E. Barker of Hopkinton, Iowa. He transferred to the Dakota Conference in 1895, and served various South Dakota charges during the succeeding years. Ill-health and symptoms of mental disorder clouded the later years of his life, and in June, 1912, it became necessary to commit him to the refuge mercifully provided by the state for unfortunates of his class. As a preacher Brother Norton possessed elements of uncommon strength and portions of his ministry were fruitful to a marked degree. A number of successful preachers were converted under his ministry and started upon their life work. His memory will be cherished by many who were blessed by his earnest and faithful ministrations. He was throughout life a radical supporter of every cause he believed to be right. In departing he leaves behind him, besides his wife and five sons, three brothers and a sister. Our sympathies, our prayers and our tender consideration are deeply enlisted for those who by reason of the peculiar circumstances of his life and death must suffer more than can well be told.

CONFERENCE NECROLOGY.

Name.	Place of Death.	Time of Death.	Age.	Years in Ministry.	Conference Relation.
John M. Rust	Vermillion, Dakota.	1871	41	15	..... Effective
Thomas M. Williams .	Bridgewater, Dakota	1881	50	24	..... Effective
William H. Hoadley .	Huron, Dakota ...	1886	51	16	..... Supernum.
T. S. Hunt	Aurora, Indiana ...	1887	57	16	..... Effective
Wm. H. Affleck	Leeds, England ...	1887	76	..	..... Effective
Wm. Vivian	San Fernando, Cal..	1888	45	8	..... Supernum.
Chas. B. Gilbert	St. Catherine, Can.	1889	..	1	... Probationer
Stanley B. Smith	Pierpont, S. D.....	1889	..	1	... Probationer
Ira A. Sparks	Armour, S. D.	1894	29	9	..... Effective
Wm. Wesley Brown..	Thomasburg, Ont..	1894	32	6	..... Supernum.
Geo. B. Dodd	Coleman, S. D.	1895	36	2	... Probationer
A. R. Boggs	Mitchell, S. D.	1899	64	29	..... Superan.
Oliver H. Sproul.....	Northville, S. D....	1899	53	26	..... Effective
Francis A. Burdlick..	University Pl., Neb.	1900	28	43	..... Superan.
H. T. Curl	Oakland, Cal.	1901	60	33	..... Superan.
Hiram S. Coon.....	Kampeska, S. D. ...	1902	45	6	..... Effective
Colin T. Cooper	Faulkton, S. D.	1903	35	4	..... Effective
Geo. H. Parker	Andover, S. D.....	1903	35	8	..... Effective
Sanford Washburn ..	Chicago, Ill.	1904	74	15	..... Superan.
Francis T. Nicholls...	Alcester, S. D.	1904	46	15	..... Effective
Wm. H. Coy	Seattle, Wash.	1904	54	19	..... Supernum.
Wm. Underwood	White Lake, S. D...	1906	74	53	..... Superan.
Lachlin McLean	Mitchell, D. S.	1907	59	26	..... Effective
T. H. Walker	Siloam Springs, Ark	1908	72	36	..... Superan.
S. F. Brown	Selby, S. D.	1908	83	49	..... Superan.
Henry Preston	DeSmet, S. D.	1909	40	10	..... Effective
W. F. Minty	Ethan, S. D.	1911	67	28	..... Superan.
Oliver Williams	Mitchell, S. D.	1910	75	45	..... Superan.
Frank Fox	Des Moines, Ia.	1911	45	13	..... Supernum.
H. M. Springer	Hartford, Vt.	1913	..	52	..... Retired
F. J. Norton	Yankton, S. D.	1912	..	..	..... Retired

SESSIONS OF DAKOTA MISSION AND CONFERENCE.

Date.	Place.	President.	Mem'rs	Secretary.
Sep., 1880,	Yankton	Bishop Warren	1050	Wm. McCready
Oct., 1881,	Sioux Falls . . .	Bishop Hurst	1366	Wm. McCready
Oct., 1882,	Parker	Bishop Merrill	1504	Wm. McCready
Oct., 1883,	Huron	Bishop Simpson	2782	D. Rifenbark
Oct., 1884,	Mitchell	Bishop Andrews	4469	D. Rifenbark
Oct., 1885,	Blunt	Bishop Foss	5209	A. R. Boggs
Oct., 1886,	Watertown . . .	Bishop Bowman	6565	A. R. Boggs
Oct., 1887,	Aberdeen	Bishop Fowler	8225	A. R. Boggs
Oct., 1888,	Yankton	Bishop Walden	9474	A. R. Boggs
Oct., 1889,	Huron	Bishop Vincent	10526	W. H. Jordan
Oct., 1890,	Mitchell	Bishop Fitzgerald	9663	G. D. Cleworth
Oct., 1891,	Sioux Falls . . .	Bishop Foss	9006	A. W. Adkinson
Oct., 1892,	Madison	Bishop Goodsell	9170	A. W. Adkinson
Oct., 1893,	Brookings	Bishop Ninde	9749	G. D. Cleworth
Oct., 1894,	Watertown . . .	Bishop Fowler	10094	G. D. Cleworth
Oct., 1895,	Aberdeen	Bishop Joyce	9510	C. H. Smith
Oct., 1896,	Vermillion . . .	Bishop Vincent	9335	J. P. Jenkins
Oct., 1897,	Mitchell	Bishop Warren	9269	J. P. Jenkins
Oct., 1898,	Parker	Bishop McCabe	10429	J. P. Jenkins
Oct., 1899,	Huron	Bishop Hurst	10960	J. P. Jenkins
Oct., 1900,	Sioux Falls . . .	Bishop Merrill	11324	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1901,	Milbank	Bishop Foss	11430	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1902,	Madison	Bishop Goodsell	11187	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1903,	Aberdeen	Bishop Walden	11440	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1904,	Mitchell	Bishop Hamilton	11881	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1905,	Watertown . . .	Bishop Warren	12522	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1906,	Brookings	Bishop Cranston	12766	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1907,	Vermillion . . .	Bishop McDowell	13402	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1908,	Sioux Falls . . .	Bishop Wilson	14759	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1909,	Huron	Bishop Nuelsen	15673	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1910,	Mitchell	Bishop Nuelsen	16242	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1911,	Aberdeen	Bishop McIntyre	15751	G. D. Brown
Oct., 1912,	Yankton	Bishop Luccock	16349	G. D. Brown
Oct., 1913,	Redfield	Bishop Luccock	18592	G. D. Brown

RULES OF EXAMINATION BY THE CONFERENCE BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

CHAIRMAN.....John L. Seaton, Cambridge, Mass.
 VICE CHAIRMAN*A. E. Buriff, Huron, S. D.
 REGISTRAR.....Albert Hartt, Britton, S. D.
 TERM EXPIRES 1914..A. S. Loveall, Albert Hartt, R. C. Shearer
 TERM EXPIRES 1915....J. W. Potter, P. O. Bunt, A. E. Buriff
 TERM EXPIRES 1916..J. L. Seaton, C. B. Wilcox, W. A. Wilkinson
 TERM EXPIRES 1917..J. P. Jenkins, T. B. Wilber, H. G. Ozanne

1. The Board of Examiners, consisting of twelve members, shall be appointed, organized and conducted according to the disciplinary plan, Par. 65 of the appendix.

2. Sec. 1. Only the midyear examinations and examinations at the seat of the annual conference shall be held, except that undergraduates conditioned upon any books may have the privilege of taking examinations upon said books at any time which may suit the convenience of the respective examiners having charge of such books.

Sec. 2. Examinations in the following studies will be given at the midyear meetings of Ministerial Associations or District Conferences: "Worker and His Bible," "Twenty-Five Articles," "Life of Wesley."

First Year—"Jesus and the Gospels," "Preparation and Delivery of Sermon," "Winning Fight Against Drink."

Second Year—"Hermeneutics," "Bible, Origin and Nature," "How We Think," "Light of World."

Third Year—"Christian Doctrine," "Fact of Cairo," "Sacerdotalism."

Fourth Year—"Christian Doctrine," "Theism," "Social Creed."

3. "Elementary English" as a part of English branches in studies for admission on trial shall comprise English grammar, composition, literature, arithmetic and simple accounting. Accounting shall cover such work as is required for making accurate official records, accounts, and reports. The work in English literature shall be of a grade equal to that required for admission to colleges approved by our University Senate. For the coming year examinations shall be upon the following:

1. For Intensive Study.—Shakespear's Macbeth, Macaulay's Life of Johnson.

2. For General Literary Study.—The Old Testament, Shakespeare's Julius Caesar.

3. Dickens' Tale of Two Cities, Lincoln's Gettysburg and two Inaugural Addresses, Gray's Elegy in a Country Churchyard, Lowell's Vision of Sir Launfal, Scott's Lady

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of the Lake.

4. Candidates for Local Deacons and Local Elders' Orders shall conform to the requirements in Discipline, appendix, Par. 69.

5. In case of unavoidable absence of any examiner from the meeting of the Board, he shall forward his list of questions to the Chairman, who shall arrange for the examinations.

6. All Essays and Sermons shall be forwarded to the respective examiners at least one month before date of the annual Conference.

7. A copy of the plan, together with the detail schedule of studies and assignments of examiners shall be printed in the Conference Journal.

8. The Chairman shall arrange a schedule for the annual examinations.

9. No candidate shall be entitled to advanced classification who has failed to pass in two books or subjects to be studied, or in three books to be read, or in one to be studied and two to be read; and no candidate shall be entitled to examination in advanced studies until he has brought up the work in which he is delinquent.

10. The Board of Examiners shall be a permanent committee on the revision and amendment of the plans and methods here presented; but before they become a valid part of the plan, or are used or published by the Board, all proposed changes shall be accepted by the Conference.

SCHEDULE OF CONFERENCE CLASSES AND EXAMINERS.

Examiner.	Admission.	First Year.	Second Year.	Third Year.	Fourth Year.
A. E. Buriff.....	.....	Merrill and Downey .....	.....	Sheldon, Sacerdotalism.	Bowne
P. O. Bunt.....	.....	Eaton	Dewey	Patten .....	.....
T. B. Wilber...	Winchester .....	.....	.....	Sheldon	Sheldon
Albert Hartt ...	Life of Wesley.. Sermon	Denney	Dods .....	.....	.....
J. P. Jenkins ...	Eiselen & Barclay	Broadus	Mott .....	.....	.....
A. S. Loveall ...	Discipline	American History	Essay .....	.....	.....
H. G. Ozanne ..	English Branches	.....	.....	.....	Steven
R. G. Minkler..	Hurlbut .....	.....	.....	Jackson	Eiselen
*J. L. Seaton...	.....	Sermon .....	.....	Sermon	Sermon
B. C. Shearer...	Phelps	Speer	Earp
C. E. Wilcox...	Meyer	Fisher	Smythe
W. A. Wilkinson.	Wheeler	Terry	Winchester

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UNDERGRADUATES.

First Year.	Second Year.	Third Year.	Fourth Year.
A. G. Campbell.	G. H. Book	P. V. Brethorst..	J. H. Ebert.....
Leslie Davis . . .	A. L. Wilson . . .	Frank Tanner...	W. N. Deller....
P. I. King	J. W. Hartley..	Ern'st Redmayne	J. S. Ellis.....
M. H. Sunderlin.	C. B. Dennison.	W. J. Dudgeon..	O. P. Jackson...
W. S. Rowden... .	J. H. James.....	L. W. Darling...	H. E. Rice.....
W. H. Ringler.. .	E. T. Underwood	P. H. Weston...	J. L. Walsh.....
Thos. Ratcliffe.. .	E. F. Lovett.....	J. C. Greene.....	F. C. Page.....
C. E. McDonald.		J. D. Evans.....	F. H. Ray.....
Samuel Marble.. .		B. F. Stiles.....	Thos. Davies...
W. H. Evans . . .			
A. H. Beardsley.			
N.A.Christianson			
W. J. McClarinon			
C. M. Weirauch.			

SESSIONS OF THE BLACK HILLS MISSION.

Time.	Place.	Bishop.	Secretary.
1880, August	Deadwood	Warren	R. H. Dolliver
1881, August 12	Deadwood	Merrill	W. D. Phifer
1882, August 24	Deadwood	Foss	W. D. Phifer
1883, August 15	Rapid City	Merrill	W. D. Phifer
1884, August 23	Sturgis	Hurst	E. B. Cummings
1885, August 20	Rapid City	Andrews	E. B. Cummings
1886, August 18	Deadwood	Ninde	E. B. Cummings
1887, August 11	Custer	Bowman	E. B. Cummings
1888, August 30	Rapid City	Walden	E. B. Cummings
1889, Sept. 5	Deadwood	Vincent	C. M. Ward
1890, August 28	Hot Springs	Bowman	W. D. Atwater
1891, August 27	Rapid City	Merrill	E. E. Lymer
1892, August 25	Custer	Warren	E. E. Lymer
1893, August 31	Spearfish	Ninde	E. E. Lymer
1894, Sept. 6	Sturgis	Andrews	E. E. Lymer
1895, Sept. 6	Lead City	Newman	E. E. Lymer
1896, August 27	Hot Springs	McCabe	E. E. Lymer
1897, August 26	Rapid City	Ninde	G. H. MacAdam
1898, Sept. 2	Deadwood	Fitzgerald	H. C. Harman
1899, August 31	Sturgis	Warren	J. D. Skaggs
1900, August 30	Spearfish	Walden	F. M. Wright
1901, Sept. 6	Lead City	Joyce	C. E. Giddings
1902, Sept 4	Hot Springs	Fowler	F. W. Straw
1903, Sept. 3	Deadwood	Anderson	F. W. Straw
1904, Sept. 1	Belle Fourche	Joyce	Martin Thomas
1905, August 24	Spearfish	Hamilton	Martin Thomas
1906, August 9	Rapid City	Wilson	M. C. Roberts
1907, August 16	Hot Springs	Warren	M. C. Roberts
1908, August 20	Custer	McIntyre	M. C. Roberts
1909, August 26	Belle Fourche	Warren	M. C. Roberts
1910, Sept. 8	Philip	McIntyre	C. L. Fillebrown
1911, Sept. 7	Spearfish	McIntyre	C. L. Fillebrown
1912, August 8	Edgemont	Luccock	C. L. Fillebrown
1913, August 6	Lead	Luccock	Homer W. Minish

Black Hills Mission

DAILY PROCEEDINGS OF THE BLACK HILLS MISSION.

First Day.

Lead, S. D., August 6th, 1913.

Opening.—The thirty-fourth annual session of the Black Hills mission was called to order by Bishop Naphtali Luccock, Ph. D., D. D., in the Methodist Episcopal Church of Lead, S. D., August 6th, 1913, at 9 o'clock a. m. After singing hymn 560, Rev. C. E. Hager offered prayer, after which Bishop Luccock addressed the Conference on the "Call of the Minister." The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered by Bishop Luccock, assisted by the Superintendents and the local pastor. The former Secretary, C. E. Fillebrown, having removed during the year from the boundaries of the mission, the Bishop called upon the Acting Secretary, Homer W. Minish, to call the roll of the Conference.

Roll.—The following members responded to their names: A. G. Campbell, H. L. Case, J. A. Edwards, D. C. Evans, F. M. Faith, E. J. Fish, L. F. Gillespie, C. E. Hager, E. D. Jordan, P. J. Lawson, P. H. McBeth, J. N. McCurdy, R. C. McReynolds, Homer W. Minish, R. A. Palmer, C. D. Royse, A. C. Stevens, W. J. Waltz, C. M. Weirauch, P. H. Weston, G. W. Prather, Fred Lonsdale, J. W. Hartley, Arthur Dyson, W. E. Hartung, C. E. Matteson, S. M. Davis.

Election of Officers.—Officers were elected as follows: Secretary of the Mission, Homer W. Minish, who named as his Assistant Secretary R. A. Palmer; W. E. Hartung was elected Statistician, who named as his assistants, C. M. Weirauch, J. W. Hartley; Treasurer, C. E. Matteson, naming P. J. Lawson as Assistant; Press Committee, C. D. Royse, Chairman, with privilege of nominating his assistants; Postmaster, A. G. Campbell.

Introductions.—The following visitors were introduced to the Mission: Dr. G. T. Notson, District Superintendent of the Huron District of the Dakota Conference; Rev. O. E. Boyce, District Superintendent of the Watertown District of the same Conference; Dr. J. D. Bateman, Assistant Editor of the Central Christian Advocate; Rev. John Oakley, of the Dakota Conference; and Mrs. C. E. Matteson, Miss Notson, Rev. Hartley, Rev. W. E. Hartung, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Lonsdale, Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Dyson, E. D. Jordan and Ray Pengra, local preachers, Brother Warren, local Elder,

and Mrs. R. H. Dolliver, wife of a former Superintendent of this Mission.

Report of the Book Committee.—Bishop Luccock announced communication from the Book Committee and suggested that it be read by the Secretary. Moved and seconded that the Secretary read same, which he did.

Dr. Bateman.—At the request of the Bishop, Dr. Bateman addressed the Conference concerning the Central Christian Advocate. He reported the subscription list had reached a point between 36,000 and 37,000, with a gain of 16,000 subscriptions during this quadrennium.

Change of Standing Committees.—District Superintendent J. A. Edwards made the following changes on Standing Committees: American Bible Society, A. G. Campbell in place of Leslie Davis; Sunday Schools, Fred Lonsdale in place of J. M. Lynn.

Dr. William G. Seamon of Dakota Wesleyan University was introduced and spoke concerning our college at Mitchell, S. D., of which he is President. Bishop Luccock followed with a short address concerning this same institution. Superintendent A. C. Stevens also spoke appreciative words concerning Dr. Seamon's ten-day visit to the Black Hills Churches.

Standing Committees.—Secretary was requested to read the list of candidates as nominated by the Superintendents.

Suggestion by J. A. Edwards.—That the Committee on Evangelism take charge of the street meetings.

Hour of Adjournment Fixed.—On motion of J. A. Edwards, it was ordered that the hour for adjournment of the morning session be fixed at 11:45 o'clock.

Book Store Announcement.—Dr. J. D. Bateman announced that he was in charge of the books on sale by the Book Concern, and that he was also authorized to collect the accounts of the Book Concern.

Statistical Session.—Moved and seconded that at the opening of the morning session of the second day of the Conference the statistical reports of the pastors be gathered.

Announcement Concerning Conference Adjournment.—Bishop Luccock announced that it would be necessary to close all business of the Conference by Saturday afternoon, the appointments to be read at the close of the morning service on Sunday in order that he might reach the next Conference on time.

Order of Day.—Moved by C. D. Royse that the meeting of the Hospital Corporation be the order of the day at 10:00 a. m. Thursday.

Ruling by Bishop.—Ruling by the Bishop that examinations would be on the old course of study but adjusted to suit conditions.

Changes in Board of Examiners.—C. D. Royse to succeed C. L. Fillebrown, E. J. Fish to succeed B. T. Russell and Homer W. Min-

ish to succeed F. E. White.

Adjournment.—Announcements were made by the pastor and the benediction was pronounced by R. C. McReynolds.

Second Day.

Thursday, August 7, 1913.

Opening.—Devotions were conducted by Rev. J. S. Hoagland, who spoke on "The Price of Power." At 9 o'clock Bishop Luccock took the chair and called the Conference to order.

Journal.—The Secretary read the minutes of Wednesday's morning session, which were approved as read.

Introductions.—The following persons were introduced: Dr. J. P. Jenkins, Field Agent of Dakota Wesleyan University; Dr. J. B. Hingeley, Secretary of the Board of Conference Claimants; Rev. Hayes, pastor of Lead Presbyterian Church; Rev. J. S. Hoagland, of Dakota Conference; Superintendent W. T. Dumm, of Wyoming Mission; Chaplain C. B. Clark, of Hot Springs; Rev. W. S. Shepherd, Superintendent of Mitchell District, Dakota Conference; Rev. R. N. Holsapple, of Anti-Saloon League; Brother I. N. Halliday, General Secretary of the State Sunday School Association of South Dakota.

Address by Dr. John W. Hancher.—Bishop Luccock introduced Dr. John W. Hancher, representing the Board of Education, who addressed the Conference.

Motion.—Motion made by J. A. Edwards that Conference Treasurer be authorized to make the distribution of educational collection in accordance with the rules laid down by the General Conference.

Methodist Hospital.—The Bishop called for the order of the day. Rev. C. E. Matteson presented the report of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Deaconess Hospital at Rapid City, S. D. C. E. Matteson also presented Resolutions of Appreciation of Local Workers, which resolutions were adopted.

Mrs. D. B. Street.—Bishop Luccock then introduced Mrs. D. B. Street, of Washington, D. C., Superintendent of Bureau of Hospitals of Woman's Home Missionary Society, who gave an address.

Rev. I. N. Halliday, General Secretary of the State Sunday School Association of South Dakota, was introduced and addressed the Conference and urged the co-operation of all the churches in the work in which he leads.

Deaconess Board.—Rev. Daniel W. Howell was introduced by the Bishop as Secretary of the General Deaconess Board and Rev. Howell gave an address in which he explained the scope and purpose of the Board which he represented.

Roll Call for Statistical Reports.—The Secretary called the roll and members responded concerning reports.

Dr. J. B. Hingeley.—Dr. Hingeley, Secretary of the Board of Conference Claimants, was invited to address the Conference on

behalf of the Board of Conference Claimants.

11:45 Time Extended.—Moved by Rev. C. D. Royse that time of adjournment of the morning session be extended.

Introduction.—Rev. C. G. Wagoner, of the Wesleyan Methodist Church and pastor of our church at Newell, and Mr. Jones, one of the Sunday School Superintendents of Kansas City, Mo., were introduced. . .

The Conference closed by singing the Doxology and Dr. Hingley pronounced the benediction.

Third Day—Morning Session.

Friday, August 8th, 1913.

Opening.—Morning devotions were conducted by Chaplain C. B. Clark. At 9 o'clock Bishop Luccock took the chair and called the Conference to order.

Minutes.—The Secretary read the minutes of Thursday's morning session, which were approved.

The Name of C. C. Wagoner Proposed for Membership.—District Superintendent H. L. Case presented the name of C. C. Wagoner, a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and pastor of our Church at Newell, S. D., for consideration as a suitable person to be transferred to our connection. It was moved that the matter be referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for favorable consideration.

Motion.—A motion was made by C. E. Matteson that the report of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Deaconess Hospital of Rapid City, S. D., be incorporated in the Conference minutes.

Matter of Edgemont Church Referred.—Homer W. Minish presented the case of the Edgemont Church in regard to matter of misunderstanding between the Official Board of that Church and the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. He moved that the case be referred to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. He moved that the matter be referred to the Board of Extension of this Mission.

Dr. H. J. Coker.—The Bishop introduced the Rev. H. J. Coker, D. D., representing the Commission on Finance.

Dr. J. B. Trimble.—Dr. J. B. Trimble, representing the Commission on Finance appointed by the last General Conference, was introduced to the Conference and gave a thorough explanation of the financial plan as outlined by the Commission. At the close of his address the Bishop asked the Conference to stand and sing "A Charge to Keep I Have."

Introduction.—Dr. Stevens presented to the Bishop for introduction his host, Rev. Beatty, rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church of this city. Mrs. F. F. Lindsey, Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Minneapolis Branch, and Adjutant Johnson, of the Salvation Army of this city,

were also introduced.

Reports.—Superintendent A. C. Stevens gave his annual report for the Mission. District Superintendent H. L. Case followed with his report of the Cheyenne River District.

Announcements and Adjournment.—Rev. W. J. Waltz gave the announcements for the remainder of the day, after which the Conference sang, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" and Chaplain C. B. Clark pronounced the benediction.

Fourth Day—Morning Session.

Saturday, August 9th, 1913.

Opening.—Devotional services were conducted by District Superintendent Paul H. McBeth, and at 9 o'clock Bishop Luccock took the chair and the business of the Mission was taken up.

Minutes.—The Secretary read the journal of the previous day, which was approved. The Secretary secured the consent of the Conference to incorporate the name of S. N. Davis in the roll of membership of the first day.

Reports of Superintendents.—District Superintendent of the Black Hills District, the Rev. J. A. Edwards, gave a verbal report of his district, stating that his district had been well covered in the report of the Superintendent of the Mission. The Rev. Paul H. McBeth, District Superintendent of the Missouri Valley District, read his report.

Roll Call for Pastors' Reports.—The following pastors read their work and the amount of their benevolences: A. G. Campbell, H. L. Case, Leslie Davis, J. A. Edwards, D. G. Evans, F. M. Faith, E. J. Fish, L. F. Gillespie, P. J. Lawson, J. N. McCurdy, R. C. McReynolds, Homer W. Minish, R. A. Palmer, C. D. Royse, C. G. Waggoner, W. J. Waltz, C. M. Weirauch, P. H. Weston, G. W. Prather, Fred Lonsdale, J. W. Hartley, L. F. Troutman, Arthur Dyson, W. E. Hartung, C. E. Matteson and L. C. Baker.

Motion.—C. E. Matteson moved that C. D. Royse be appointed Field Agent for the Methodist Deaconess Hospital, the position to be filled without salary.

Subscriptions Toward Debt on Mission Tent.—J. N. McCurdy presented claim of \$25.00 by a firm that sold the Mission a tent a few years back. The tent was stored in a mill that was burned after it was purchased. The Secretary was instructed to receive subscriptions. The amount was immediately subscribed and the bill paid.

Address by Dr. Forbes.—Dr. Robert Forbes, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, was introduced and addressed the Conference Concerning the work of the Board.

Address of Dr. Clarence True Wilson.—The Rev. Clarence True

Wilson, D. D., was introduced and delivered an able address on the "Status of the Temperance Cause."

Address by Rev. R. N. Holsaple.—Rev. R. N. Holsaple, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of this State, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Address by Rev. E. R. Fulkerson.—Rev. E. R. Fulkerson, of Japan, representing the Board of Foreign Missions, was introduced and delivered an address.

Reports of Conference Officers.—The report of the Conference Treasurer, C. E. Matteson, was heard. The Statistician, W. E. Hartung, read his report.

Rev. C. E. Hager Seriously Ill.—Dr. A. C. Stevens announced that Rev. C. E. Hager had been taken seriously ill and had been removed to the hospital. Dr. Stevens read the report on benevolences for Rev. Hager.

Motion.—It was moved that the fund of \$500.00 raised by the ministers to endow a room in the Methodist Deaconess Hospital at Rapid City, S. D., to be known as the "Ministers' Room," shall be a memorial to Maurice Vancleve Weirauch, the little son of Rev. and Mrs. Weirauch, who died from a rattlesnake bite, August, 3rd, 1910.

Motion.—Dr. A. C. Stevens moved that the brotherly sympathy of this Conference be borne by a committee of two to the bedside of Rev. C. E. Hager. The Bishop appointed on this committee, Rev. A. C. Stevens and Rev. C. D. Royse.

Motion.—Rev. H. L. Case moved that the Secretary be instructed to send a message to Rev. J. C. Baker of Boneita Springs, in recognition of his loyalty to his work in a critical time, necessitating his absence from the seat of conference.

Announcements were then made and the morning session closed by singing the Doxology. Benediction.

Saturday—Afternoon Session.

Opening.—The Bishop took the chair promptly at 4:30 p. m. and called the Conference to order.

Report of the Committee on Education.—The report of the Committee on Education was read by Homer W. Minish and adopted.

Recess.—The Conference adjourned for a short recess in order to have a picture taken in front of the church.

Camp Meeting.—Rev. R. C. McReynolds read report on Camp Meeting. He moved that a camp meeting be held this year at Rapid City, S. D., and that during the next five years that other camp meetings be held as the opportunities presented themselves. Carried.

Home Missions and Church Extension.—The financial report of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension was read

by the Chairman of the Committee, Rev. J. A. Edwards, who moved its acceptance.

The report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension was called for in regard to the Edgemont Church matter, which had been referred to the Board. Rev. J. A. Edwards reported that the Board had held a hearing of this case, at which representatives of the Edgemont Church and Dr. Robert Forbes were present. The Board recommended that the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension reconsider the application of the Edgemont Church.

Reports Continued.—Committee on Church Benevolences presented by E. J. Fish and adopted as read. Committee on "American Bible Society" read by E. J. Fish and adopted as read.

Motion.—By J. A. Edwards, that the Secretary of the Conference, Homer W. Minish, be the editor and publisher of the minutes of this Conference, and that the power be given to combine our Conference Minutes with those of Dakota Conference if the merger goes through, and that the printed minutes be declared the official minutes of this Conference. Carried.

Reports Continued.—Report on "Evangelism," by Paul H. McBeth, adopted; report on "Auditing Committee," by F. M. Faith, adopted; report on "Freedman's Aid Society," by D. G. Evans, adopted; report on "Epworth League," read by R. 9. Palmer, adopted as read; report of the "Methodist Brotherhood," by C. M. Weirauch, adopted as read; report on "Tracts," presented by A. G. Campbell and adopted as read; report on "Home Missions and Church Extension," presented by P. J. Lawson and adopted as read; report on "Sunday Schools," by Fred Lonsdale, was adopted as read.

Resolutions.—Resolutions of Home Missions and Church Extension were presented by Rev. J. A. Edwards and adopted.

Motion.—By Rev. J. A. Edwards, that the place of the meeting of the next Mission Conference be left to a Committee consisting of Bishop Luccock and the Cabinet. Carried.

Admission on Trial.—Dr. A. C. Stevens presented the names of G. W. Prather, Leslie Davis, A. G. Campbell and D. G. Evans for admission on trial in the Dakota Conference.

Journal.—The Bishop asked the Secretary to read the minutes of the day just closing and same were read and approved.

Adjournment.—No further business appearing, it was moved that after the reading of the appointments on Sunday evening by the Bishop and hearing the report of the Committee on Resolutions that the Conference stand adjourned.

(Signed)

NAPHTALI LUCCOCK, Bishop.
HOMER W. MINISH, Secretary.

MINUTE QUESTIONS.

1. Who are on trial in studies of first year? C. W. Weirauch.
2. Who are on trial? None.
3. Who are members of Conference in studies of third year? P. H. Weston.
4. Who are members of Conference in studies of fourth year? None.
5. What traveling preachers have been ordained deacons? None.
6. What local preachers have been ordained deacons? None.
7. What traveling preachers have been ordained elders? None.
8. What local preachers have been ordained elders? None.
9. Was the character of each preacher examined? Yes ..
20. What is the statistical report this year? See reports.
11. What is the aggregate of the benevolent collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Treasurer? \$2,160.
12. Where are the preachers stationed? See list of appointments.
13. Where shall the next annual meeting be held? Left to a committee.

APPOINTMENTS OF THE BLACK HILLS MISSION.

(These appointments were made subject to the merger with Dakota Conference.)

Alexander C. Stevens, Superintendent of the Mission, St. Paul, Minn.

The following appointments are all in South Dakota:

Belle Fourche—J. N. McCurdy.

Bonita Springs—Supplied by J. C. Baker.

Buffalo Gap, Fairburn and Southfork—R. C. McReynolds.

Capa, Hays, Sansarac and Ottumwa—C. M. Weirauch.

Custer, Mayo and Pringle—E. J. Fish.

Deadwood—J. A. Edwards.

Edgemont—Homer W. Minish.

Hill City—Supplied by A. G. Campbell.

Hot Springs—H. L. Case.

Lead—Paul H. McBeth.

Newell—Supplied by C. G. Wagoner.

Nowlin, Midland and Indian Creek—Supplied by Fred Lonsdale.

New Underwood, Wasta, Wall and Box Elder—Supplied by R. A.

Palmer.

Oelrichs, Wayside and Pleasant Hill—Supplied by D. G. Evans.

Oral, W. G. Flat and Fairview—Supplied by Leslie Davis.

Piedmont and Tilford—F. M. Faith.

Philip—Supplied by L. F. Gillespie.

Plainview—J. W. Hartley.

Quinn—Supplied by L. C. Baker.

Rapid City—C. E. Matteson.

Sturgis and Whitewood—W. E. Hartung.

Spearfish—C. E. Hager.

Timberlake—W. J. Waltz.

Terraville and Central—P. H. Weston.

Terry—Supplied by S. M. Davis.

Special Appointment—C. D. Royse, Financial Agent Methodist Deaconess Hospital, Rapid City, S. D., and member of Rapid City Quarterly Conference.

Rapid City District Ministers' Wives' Association.

The Ministers' Wives' Association annual meeting was held in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Mrs. J. A. Edwards, President, presiding at the business session. The minutes were read and approved. Fourteen persons responded to the roll call. A resolution was presented and adopted which read as follows:

Resolved, That we extend to Mrs. C. E. Hager our sincere and heartfelt sympathy during the sudden serious illness of her husband and assure her of our prayers for his complete recovery.

The following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. J. A. Edwards.

Vice President—Mrs. R. H. Dolliver.

Secretary—Mrs. H. L. Case.

Chairman Program Committee—Mrs. C. B. Clark.

After the business session an interesting program was given, Mrs. C. B. Clark presiding. Mrs. J. A. Edwards gave a short address welcoming and introducing as new members to the association Mrs. Hartung of Sturgis, Mrs. Matteson of Rapid City, and Mrs. Lonsdale, just recently arrived from England. Baby Genevieve Minish was also introduced.

Miss Margaret Caldwell sang a solo. Mrs. Matteson and Mrs. Case gave talks on "How Can a Minister's Wife Get in Closer Sympathy With the Women of the Church?" Mrs. Waltz read a paper on "Social Life of the Church." A beautiful temperance reading was given by Mrs. Clark. Mrs. R. H. Dolliver sang "Thy Will Be Done."

The Association adjourned to meet at the next annual meeting of the Mission Conference.

(Signed)

Mrs. H. L. Case, Secretary.

METHODIST DEACONESS HOSPITAL (Incorporated).

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Rev. C. E. Matteson, Rapid City; Rev. W. J. Waltz, Lead; Rev. C. E. Hager, Spearfish; Rev. J. A. Edwards, Deadwood; Rev. H. L. Case, Mitchell; Rev. R. A. Palmer, Oral; Dr. F. W. Minty, Rapid City; B. L. Allender, Rapid City; A. W. Layman, Rapid City; Rev. J. N. McCurdy, Belle Fourche.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Rapid City, S. D., May 1, 1912, to August 1, 1913.

General Building Fund.

Total amount of subscriptions collected	\$ 6,626.75
Cash received from Mason City Loan & Trust Co., net amount of loan on mortgage	9,410.00
Note and mortgage to Dr. W. E. Robinson	1,500.00
Note to George W. Mentch	1,100.00
Rental applied, 12 months at \$100	1,200.00
Balance charged to regular fund	431.95

\$20,368.70

Dr. W. E. Robinson, purchase price of property	\$19,000.00
Expense recording papers, abstract and notary fees paid to First National Bank	15.55
Total expense of \$10,000 campaign, loan matter, collec- tion of subscriptions and transfer	353.15
Rev. C. D. Royse, salary as Financial Agent, \$500 cash, and \$500 subscription paid	1,000.00

\$20,368.70

Total amount of subscriptions received	\$10,013.35
Total amount of subscriptions collected	6,626.75
Total amount of uncollected subscriptions	3,386.60

\$10,013.35**Regular Fund—Operating Account.**

May 1, 1912, to July 31, 1913.

Total earnings of Hospital, not including donations and free service rendered	\$13,073.12
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Cost of Operation and Maintenance, 394 Patients Served.

Rent, \$300 per month to June 1, 1913	3,900.00
Insurance, fire and tornado, paid in advance	135.00
Groceries, meat, vegetables, milk and ice	2,655.91
Salaries of nurses and other employes	2,636.00
Coal and wood	877.85
Advertising	264.20
Telephone and telegraph	177.03
Plumbing and repairs	190.53
Furniture and fixtures	678.05
Drugs and appliances	1,015.50
Light, gas and electric	624.59
Water	115.05
Incidental exense	397.39

\$13,602.10

Average cost per month, 15 months	\$ 906.80
Average cost per patient served	34.53

Recapitulation.

Total cash received	\$12,934.25
Total cash disbursed	13,137.82

Overdrawn	\$ 203.57
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Statement of Resources and Liabilities—Resources.

Buildings and grounds, original cost	\$17,000.00
Equipment, original cost	2,000.00
Equipment purchased since organization	678.05
Uncollected subscriptions building fund	3,386.60
Bills and accounts receivable	1,755.29
General stores on hand	357.25

\$25,177.19

Liabilities.

Mortgage notes	\$10,000.00
Bills payable	3,300.00
Accounts payable	2,164.55
Overdraft at bank	203.57

\$15,668.12

Net resources	\$ 9,509.07
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Respectfully submitted,

A. W. LAYMAN,
Treasurer.

OFFICERS OF HOSPITAL.

Rev. C. E. Matteson, President; A. W. Layman, Treasurer; Dr. F. W. Minty, Secretary; Elva L. Wade, Superintendent.

LOCAL BOARD OF CONTROL.

Woman's Home Missionary Society—Mrs. C. E. Matteson, Mrs. F. W. Minty, Mrs. C. M. Cox, A. W. Layman, Rev. C. E. Matteson.

***BRIEF HISTORICAL STATEMENT CONCERNING METHODISM IN THE BLACK HILLS.**

(Prepared by Chaplain C. B. Clark and Homer W. Minish.)

On August 11, 1875, the first town to be platted in the Black Hills was christened Custer, in honor of General G. A. Custer, leader of the first military expedition to the Black Hills. The survey of the townsite was made "with a small pocket compass, the lines determined by picket ropes, and the plat inscribed on a piece of birch bark twelve inches square." Nearly all the miners in the Black Hills country were present at that time and organized the first townsite company. In March, 1876, the town of Custer, which

composed the major part of the population of the Black Hills, in a mass meeting assembled organized a provisional government for the entire Black Hills, establishing a superior court, a tribunal of last resort, until such time as regularly authorized courts should be established by the government. The first religious service held in the Black Hills was conducted by Rev. H. P. Smith in Custer on May 7th of that year. The little city of Custer, which in August of the previous year contained only a few hundred miners and prospectors, during the winter and spring of '76 grew to a populous city of about 6,000 people. But when the alluring reports of gold discovered in Deadwood Gulch in the late spring of '76 reached the eager gold seekers making Custer their headquarters, the entire population moved out of Custer, leaving no less than 1,400 buildings unfinished in order to try their luck in the vicinity of the place where Deadwood now stands. With the gold seekers went the missionary to Deadwood, and on the streets of that mining camp, from a dry goods box, he conducted a series of outdoor meetings in the evenings, preaching to miners, prospectors and tenderfeet. His work was not confined to Deadwood alone. He sometimes penetrated the woods to distant mining camps. It was while on one of these missions on August 20th, 1876, this pioneer missionary, while following the trail between Deadwood and Crook City, was murdered by Indians. His grave may be seen today in the cemetery on one of the hills overlooking Deadwood.

Pioneer Methodism in South Dakota was identified with the Des Moines Conference, and later with the Northwest Iowa and Colorado Conferences. The Des Moines Conference in 1868 included the west part of the state of Iowa, and also "that portion of Decotah Territory east of the Missouri River and south of Fort Randall." The Colorado Conference at that time included "Colorado Territory and that part of Decotah Territory lying west of Nebraska and the Territory of New Mexico, excepting that portion lying west of the Rocky Mountains." Later when the Northwest Iowa Conference was carved out of the Des Moines Conference Decotah Territory was included and missionaries were sent into the Black Hills. Among the earliest missionaries from the Northwest Iowa Conference to this region was Rev. James William, who organized in the fall of 1878 churches at Central City and Deadwood. The first Methodist Episcopal services held in Rapid City were conducted by the Rev. H. H. Jones in March, 1878. No organization, however, was effected at that time. In December, 1880, Rev. James Williams and Rev. Ira Wakefield resumed the work begun by Rev. H. H. Jones, and in March, 1881, a church was organized. The Rev. R. H. Dolliver came out from the Northwest Iowa Conference in 1880 and became the pastor at Deadwood. Bishop Warren having been elected Bishop at the General Conference of 1880, held his first Conference in Deadwood, where he organized the Black Hills Mission and preached a number

of times, to the delight of the people of that region. The Conference was small, having only one or two preachers present, Rev. Wm. Fielder, still living, arriving by belated stage coach after the Conference had adjourned. The Rev. R. H. Dolliver was elected Secretary of this first Conference.

In the early days of the Mission's history, 1889, our people became convinced of the absolute need of an educational institution under the auspices of the church, and the Black Hills College was organized. It was a work of faith and love accompanied by endurance and sacrifice. The Board was fortunate in securing able educators, among whom were Dr. J. W. Hancher and Dr. Lymer. Today the graduates of the college are among the best citizens of the Black Hills, and some of them are prominent ministers in the church.

About fifteen years ago the Black Hills Mission was organized into an annual Conference, but the Conference was short lived. Because of the withdrawal of missionary funds at that time the financial burden fell so heavily upon the churches and the college that the educational work had to be abandoned, in the spring of 1901.

During the Mission's history of thirty-four years the greater part of the time it was but one district. Among the Superintendents of the Mission are the names of James Williams in the '80's, J. B. Carns and C. E. Clough in the '90's, and thus far in the new century C. B. Clark, R. H. Dolliver and Alexander C. Stevens. During Dr. Dolliver's administration there were two districts, the Deadwood and the Cheyenne River Districts. The Cheyenne was called the Rapid City District. The Rev. C. D. Royse was Superintendent of the Cheyenne District. The Rev. C. E. Hunt for a short time was Superintendent of the Deadwood District, during Dr. Dolliver's administration. In the second year of the superintendency of Dr. A. C. Stevens there were three districts: the Deadwood, the Rev. J. A. Edwards, Superintendent; the Cheyenne River, the Rev. H. L. Case, Superintendent; and the Missouri Valley, the Rev. Paul H. McBeth, Superintendent.

In accordance with the enabling act passed by the General Conference of 1912, the Black Hills Mission at its annual session held in Edgemont, S. D., of the same year, voted unanimously to be merged with the Dakota Conference and the merger was consummated by a favorable vote of the Dakota Conference held at Redfield, S. D., 1913.

*Note—The above statement is based on data gathered from A. E. Tallent's "The Black Hills, or Last Hunting Ground of the Dakotahs," Black Hills Mission's Minutes, Article in N. W. Christian Advocate, October 9th, 1913, by Wm. Fielder (one of first missionaries), and the Disciplines of Methodist Church.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES OF DAKOTA CONFERENCE

1888

Ministerial.

Wm. Bush, D.D., Mitchell, S. D.
A. D. Traveler, D. D., Watertown, S. D., reserve.

Laymen

D. W. Diggs, Milbank, S. D.
Mrs. I. M. Hartsough, Sioux Falls, reserve.

1892

C. B. Clark, D. D., Mitchell
A. W. Adkinson, Watertown
W. H. Jordan, Sioux Falls, reserve
F. A. Burdick, Aberdeen, reserve

H. E. Kratz, Vermillion
E. T. Langley, Huron
D. W. Diggs, Milbank, reserve
T. W. P. Lee, Ashton, reserve

1896

W. H. Jordan, Sioux Falls
C. B. Clark, Huron
C. E. Hager, Vermillion, reserve
J. S. Akers, Aberdeen, reserve

W. F. T. Bushnell, Aberdeen
R. N. Kratz, Mitchell
A. B. Van Camp, Highmore, reserve
Mrs. A. M. Pickler, Faulkton, reserve

1900

W. H. Jordan, Sioux Falls
T. H. Youngman, Mitchell
C. E. Hager, Mitchell, reserve
J. O. Dobson, Sioux Falls, reserve

S. E. Morris, Redfield
H. S. Mouser, Redfield
H. G. Tilton, Vermillion, reserve
R. N. Kratz, Mitchell, reserve

1904

W. H. Jordan, Sioux Falls
Duane Riftenbark, Watertown
C. E. Hager, Mitchell, reserve
J. O. Dobson, Huron, reserve

H. G. Tilton, Vermillion
D. W. Diggs, Aberdeen
H. S. Mouser, Huron, reserve
S. E. Morris, Redfield, reserve
Nathon Noble, Centerville, reserve

1908

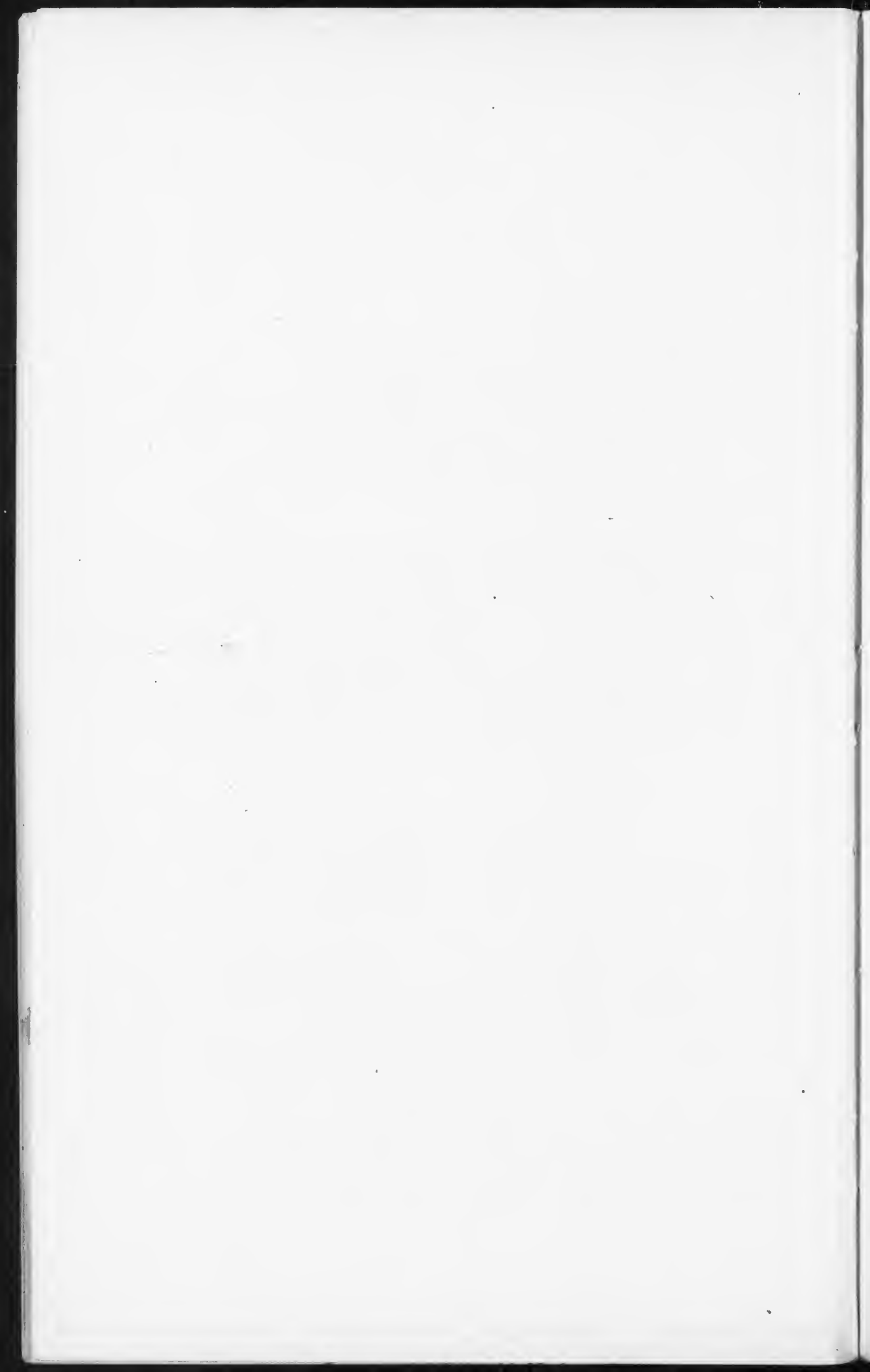
Thos. Nicholson, Mitchell
J. P. Jenkins, Sioux Falls
J. O. Dobson, Mitchell
W. I. Graham, Watertown, reserve
C. E. Hager, Huron, reserve.

S. E. Morris, Mitchell
H. G. Tilton, Vermillion
G. F. Knappen, Brookings
Dr. W. E. Daniels, Madison, reserve
Phillip Lawrence, Huron, reserve

1912

Thos. Nicholson, New York.
G. T. Notson, Huron
A. C. Shepherd, Sioux Falls
J. P. Jenkins, Mitchell, reserve
J. S. Hoagland, Mitchell, reserve

R. S. Vessey, Pierre
S. E. Morris, Mitchell
W. E. Carpenter, Andover
F. S. Brown, Doland, reserve
J. M. Johnston, Bradley, reserve



STATISTICIANS'
REPORTS

Statisticians' Report.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

J. S. Harkness, Dist. Supt.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.										Total paid for Ministerial support.	Total deficiency.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS			BAPTISMS		
		Support of Pastor				Support of District Supts.	Support of Bishops	Support of Conf. Claimants		Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.			Total Enrollment in all Depts.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	Bap. Children und. Ins. as Probationers.		
		Total claim including house rent.	Total paid including house rent.	Rental value of parsonage.	Deficiency.			Support of Conf. Claimants											
								Claim.	Paid.									Claim.	Paid.
Aberdeen.....	O. W. Taylor	2400	2400			200	200	35	35	60	60	2695		1	24	488	3	30	15
Andover.....	F. E. Morrison	1200	1200	300		100	100	19	19	33	33	1353		1	10	153	10	8	
Ashton.....	E. E. Vernon	930	1004	1200		75	75	13	13	23	23	1115		1	12	133		4	
Bath.....	I. W. Ellis	970	970	1200		85	85	15	15	25	25	1075	20	2	21	135			
Big Stone City...	Duane Rifenbark	1020	1020	1200		90	90	11	11	7	7	1148		1	16	100	2		
Bowdle.....	J. E. McKinney	850	850	1500		70	70	12	12	21	21	953		1	12	75			
Bristol.....	F. C. Page	950	1050	1500		80	80	12	12	24	24	1166		1	9	45	1		
Britton.....	Albert Hartt	1400	1400	2000		120	120	21	21	24	24	1565		3	24	224	2	4	
Claremont.....	J. F. Franklin	1150	1150	1500		100	100	20	20	35	35	1305		2	20	157			3
Conde.....	W. D. Deeble	1200	1200	2000		100	100	18	18	30	30	1348		2	18	126	1		
Corona.....	Ernest Redmayne	1050	1050	1500		90	90	19	14	27	27	1171		1	13	100	2		5
Cresbard.....	Robert Karr	650	650	1500		50	50	8	8	15	15	733		1	16	107			
DeVoe.....	F. G. Bromaghin	750	660	1500	90	60	40	10	6	18	11	733	115	2	17	100	5		
Frederick.....	A. M. Lott	1150	1150	1500		100	100	20	20	30	30	1300		2	17	145	3		
Groton.....	S. E. Brown	1200	1200	2000		100	100	18	18	30	30	1348		1	18	200	10	9	
Hecla.....	F. B. Dunn	950	950	1500		80	80	14	14	24	24	1068		2	18	137	4	3	
Langford.....	M. T. Habgood	925	925	1000		82	82	14	14	24	24	1045		1	13	144	9		
Leola.....	G. M. Carter	333	333	333		30	30	5	5	10	10	348		3	19	103			
Mellette.....	J. S. Ellis	1000	1000	2000		80	80	14	14	24	24	1118		1	15	145	8	11	
Milbank.....	J. M. Tibbetts	1800	1200	3000		150	150	25	25	45	45	2020		1	16	235		2	
Northville.....	J. M. Hunter	770	780	1200		70	70	11	10	19	19	809		2	16	90			
Redfield.....	Ernest Holgate	1800	1800	3000		150	150	26	26	45	45	2021		1	22	240	4		
Sisseton.....	Ralph Shearer	1150	1235	2000		95	105	20	20	31	31	1391		2	22	299	12	13	30
Selby.....	J. A. Willey	850	850	1500		65	65	7	7	21	14	943		2	24	197			
Summit.....	Thos. H. Ratcliffe	520	340		180			5	5	12	12	357		1	8	96		1	
Waubay.....	L. F. Brown	800	800	1000		70	70	12	12	21	21	903		2	16	160	3	8	
Webster.....	M. R. Crisp	1300	1300	2000		100	100	2	9	33	33	1442		2	18	180		5	
Westport.....	E. F. Harrold	800	500	1000	300	80	50	8	8	15	15	573	330	2	10	182	3	1	
White Rock.....	Thomas Davies	1150	1150	1500		100	100	15	15	30	30	1295		2	22	181		1	
		31018	30717	43731	570	2502	2458	427	421	776	757	34353	465	46	492	4681	84	141	53

Name of Charge.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.						EPWTH LEAGUE	CHURCH PROPERTY								GEN. CONF. EXPENSES.			
	Probationers.		Full Members.					Churches	Estimated Value.	Parsonages.	Estimated Value.	Pd. for Build. and Imp. on Church and Parsonage	Pd. on Old. Indebt. on Churches and Parsonages.	Present Indebt. on Churches and Parsonages.	Current Expenses Sexton, Fuel, Light, Etc.	Quadrannium. Apportioned for	Paid this Year.	Balance due for Quadrannium.	
	Enrolled During Year	New on Roll	Members on Roll.	Non-ics. Members.	Local Preachers	Deaths Dur. Year.													Senior Members.
Aberdeen.....	15	2	6113	13	2	4	100	30	1	80000	1	32000	110	4000	2200	1826	12	12	...
Andover.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ashton.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bath.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Big Stone City....	6	4	858	4	1	1	...	...	...	4000	1	15000	163	...	200	75	4	12	...
Bowdle.....	...	...	18	10	...	...	...	...	...	2000	1	1800	...	...	...	18	4	4	...
Bristol.....	...	...	38	4	...	...	...	...	...	2500	1	1900	95	...	...	60	4	4	...
Britton.....	...	...	116	13	...	...	...	...	...	3500	1	2500	...	975	...	35	29	15	...
Claremont.....	3	32	339	3	...	...	...	...	...	11500	1	30000	150	900	400	2336	16	12	...
Conde.....	...	...	94	...	...	1	51	20	1	3500	1	2000	130	...	...	125	5	12	...
Corona.....	...	...	93	4	1	1	...	19	...	2500	1	1800	70	...	...	105	12	8	...
Cresbard.....	...	...	94	6	...	...	22	...	...	4000	1	2500	16	...	500	34	4	...	...
DeVoe.....	4	...	42	3	1	...	...	...	...	1000	1	1000	...	...	...	15	...	...	...
Frederick.....	...	...	47	...	...	1	...	...	...	2500	1	1500	250	...	...	100	16	16	...
Groton.....	13	9	94	6	1	...	50	...	...	16000	1	2500	355	1870	4000	225	5	10	...
Hecla.....	6	...	81	4	...	...	15	...	...	4000	1	1600	125	...	...	80	4	...	...
Langford.....	18	12	78	12	...	...	35	43	1	3000	1	1500	113	...	188	57	4	...	...
Leola.....	...	...	56	...	...	...	...	...	...	7000	1	700	...	...	750	40	4	...	...
Mellette.....	...	...	67	6	...	...	...	...	...	7000	1	3000	25	1200	2000	125	...	...	...
Milbank.....	3	8	192	25	...	...	50	50	1	18000	1	3000	3000	...	...	496	24	6	12
Northville.....	...	...	233	3	...	...	...	...	...	18000	1	2000	...	...	2700	138	...	...	...
Redfield.....	6	5	171	9	...	...	30	32	1	18000	1	3000	175	...	...	480	24	1	12
Sisseton.....	75	66	135	29	...	...	48	42	2	4000	1	1800	300	...	...	182	...	5	12
Selby.....	...	...	347	11	...	...	31	...	1	12000	1	1200	...	200	5300	265	...	...	...
Summit.....	1	1	335	...	...	...	...	...	1	3000	...	...	...	...	65	...	...	...	...
Waubay.....	20	19	30	...	1	...	30	...	1	2500	...	...	40	...	...	85	12	...	12
Webster.....	...	...	148	12	...	...	35	...	1	3500	1	2000	58	...	...	125	...	...	...
Westport.....	...	1	33	...	1	...	...	...	2	3000	1	1600	...	...	...	64	...	4	...
White Rock.....	12	7	71	...	...	...	...	...	3	8500	1	2800	...	...	...	75	20	5	15
	184	142	2776	191	8	15	656	310	40	235100	26	51800	7045	9145	18303	5491	210	105	147

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HURON DISTRICT.

G. T. Notson, Dist. Supt.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.										SUNDAY SCHOOLS			BAPTISMS					
		Support of Pastor				Support of District Supts.	Support of Bishops		Support of Conf. Claimants		Total paid for Ministerial support.	Total deficiency.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Total Enrollment in all Depts.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	Bap. Children und. Ins. as Probationers.		
		Total claim including house rent.	Total paid including house rent.	Rental value of parsonage.	Deficiency.		Claim.	Paid.	Claim.	Paid.									Claim.	Paid.
Agar.....	J. W. A. Collins	400	400			40	32	7		12		4	27							
Alpena.....	M. E. Nickerson	1200	1200	200		100	100	17	17	30	30	133								
Artesian.....	A. J. Hoyer	1200	1200	200		100	100	18	18	30	30	133								
Blunt.....	Frank Frizelle	1000	950	100	50	20	83	15	13	27	24	107	60							
Broadland.....	Lloyd H. Rising	400	400			40	40	7	7	12	12	45								
Burdette.....	Geo. T. Matthews	950	800	100	150	35	80	14	14	24	24	91	15							
Carpenter.....	N. P. Johnson	950	950	100		85	85	14	9	24	24	106	55				14	10		
Chapelle Circuit..	Geo. H. Quayle	350	325		25	35	32	10		16		33	5				3			
Esmond.....	William H. Evans	980	980	180		80	80	14	14	24	24	109								
Faulton.....	Chas. E. Wilcox	1220	1220	120		110	110	20	20			137	11					6		
Gettysburg.....	John T. B. Smith	1120	1130	180	50	100	95	13	12			126								
Highmore.....	L. A. McDonald	1250	1175	150	75	110	102	20	10			131								
Hitchcock.....	Wm. H. Ringler	1100	1100	200		90	90	16	11			121	16							
Huron.....	John L. Seaton	2280	2280	480		180	180	27	27	54	54	234								
Iroquois.....	John Clayton	1180	1180	120		100	100	17	17			132								
Lane.....	E. O. Machamer	1025	1025	125		90	90	17	17			116								
Miller.....	John H. Kearton	1560	1560	360		120	120	21	21	36	36	173					7		20	
Okobojo Circuit..	Geo. H. Quayle	325	225			32		3		6		22	35							
Pearl Creek.....	B. F. Stiles	850	715		135	85	65	14	12	25	21	81	161							
Pierre.....	W. A. Wilkinson	1850	1850	500		135	135	24	24	40	40	204								
Rockham.....	Evan F. Lovett	950	950	150		80	80	14	14	24	24	106								
Roswell.....	S. F. Spitz	1150	1150	150		100	100	18	18	30	30	129								
Seneca.....	Harry Lee	640	640	120		52	52	5	5	15	15	71								
St. Lawrence.....	James L. Walsh	820	820	120		80	75	14	14	24	24	93	5				2	15		
Tulare.....	J. D. Stevens	920	920	120		80	80	14	14	24	24	103								
Wessington.....	Chas. E. McDonald	950	729	150	221	80	60	14	10	24	14	81	251				2	6		
Wessington Spgs.	I. M. Hargett	1800	1900	300	*100	150	150	26	26	45	45	212					20	11		
Woolsey.....	Samuel Marble	700	700			70	70	12	3	21	10	78	20							
Woonsocket.....	Jno. F. Gibson	1440	1440	240		120	120	21	21	36	36	161					1	5		
		30250	29914	4465	706	2609	2508	446	338	789	700	33510	954	49	484	4534	58	116	46	

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HURON DISTRICT.

G. T. Notson, Dist. Supt.

Name of Charge.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.						EPW'TH LEAGUE	CHURCH PROPERTY										GEN. CONF. EXPENSES.		
	Probationers.		Full Members.					Senior Members.	Junior Members.	Churches	Estimated Value.	Parsonages.	Estimated Value.	Pd. for Build. and Imp. on Church and Parsonage	Pd. on Old. Indebt. on Churches and Parsonages.	Present Indebt. on Churches and Parsonages.	Current Expenses Sexton, Fuel, Light, Etc.	Apportioned for Quadrennium.	Paid this Year.	Balance due for Quadrennium.
	Enrolled During Year	Now on Roll	Members on Roll.	Non-res. Members.	Local Preachers	Deaths Dur. Year.														
Agar.....		1	132	10		2	44	17	2	4000	1	2500	20			105				
Alpena.....			98	25			41	15	2	4200	1	2000	130			120				
Artesian.....			30	2			20		2	10000	1	2000				100				
Blunt.....			30		1				1	2500			50			45				
Broadland.....			42	1					3	4500	1	2000		700	2300	30				
Burdette.....			94						2	5000	2	2500	354			50				
Carpenter.....	21	33	21			1	41			3000										
Chapelle Circuit..	23	32	95								1	1800				75				
Esmond.....			147	6		1	46		2	8300	1	1500	50			200				
Faulton.....		4	107	12	1	1	23	26	1	4000	1	1400	150	1500	7000	270				
Gettysburg.....	15	5	139			2	16		1	4000	1	2000				100				
Highmore.....			118				22		1	4200	1	2000				107				
Hitchcock.....		13	408			6	104	75	1	25000	1	5000	600			790				
Huron.....			84			1	28		2	3000	1	1700	240			60				
Iroquois.....		1	127				36		1	7000	1	1800	80	447	1000	116		4		
Lane.....	16	17	135	5	1	1				3000	1	5000	150		2000	117				
Miller.....			11				25		3	6000										
Okobojo Circuit..	17		63		1		30		1	7000	2	1400		8993	36600	900				
Pearl Creek.....	13	6	173	23			40		2	7500	1	2500	156	176	1290	120				
Pierre.....		5	67	2	1		50	16	2	5000	1	2000	268	247	650	125				
Rockham.....	1	1	98	4		2		20	2	3000	1	2000			1500	95				
Roswell.....		4	75				34	13	1	4000	1	1000			200	70				
Seneca.....		2	84		1	9	44	20	2	6000	1	1000	238	109	21	100				
St. Lawrence.....	2		47	8		1	35		2	2000	1	2500		75	1200	45				
Tulare.....		5	340		2		60		1	5000	1	3000		500	800	400		10		
Wessington.....	81	47	35			1			2	5000	1	2000			300	50				
Weston Sp'gs.....			168	6					1	10000	1	2500	5000		3000	115		7		
Woolsey.....																				
Woonsocket.....	6																			
	209	158	3035	138	10	33	773	228	41	227700	26	64500	7581	12747	59261	4433	....	21	....

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.										Total paid for Ministerial support.	Total deficiency.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS			BAPTISMS		
		Support of Pastor				Support of District Supts.		Support of Bishops		Support of Conf. Claimants				Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Total Enrollment in all Depts.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	Bap. Children und. Ins. as Probationers.
		Total claim including house rent.	Total paid including house rent.	Rental value of parsonage.	Deficiency.	Claim.	Paid.	Claim.	Paid.	Claim.	Paid.								
Alexandria.....	Pierce O. Bunt.....	1700	1700	250	.....	145	145	25	25	43	43	1913	.....	2	29	290	.....	6	.....
Armour.....	M. L. Sunderlin.....	1080	1080	180	.....	90	90	13	4	27	8	1182	.....	1	13	120	.....	.....	.....
Bridgewater.....	W. J. Sherman.....	3350	3350	.....	.....	3350	3350	.....	.....	.....	.....	3350	.....	1	7	60	.....	.....	.....
Chamberlain.....	Nels Fanebust.....	1250	1250	250	.....	100	100	17	7	30	14	1371	.....	1	10	82	.....	4	.....
Colome.....	J. H. James.....	845	737	120	108	72	61	12	10	23	18	826	1255	3	25	200	1	3	.....
Dallas.....	Robert Aitcheson.....	671	646	100	25	54	54	10	1	16	16	717	334	3	16	106	.....	.....	.....
Danton.....	C. M. Stebbins.....	400	330	.....	70	.....	.....	5	7	9	10	347	70	3	30	70	.....	5	.....
Dudley.....	S. E. Surface.....	150	150	.....	.....	15	15	1	.....	2	2	167	.....	1	3	85	.....	7	.....
Ethan.....	C. O. Bigger.....	796	796	96	.....	70	70	4	4	21	6	876	15	1	13	82	.....	.....	.....
Farmer.....	W. J. McClarinon.....	773	773	.....	.....	60	60	5	3	10	6	842	6	1	9	72	.....	.....	.....
Fairfax and St. Charles.....	J. W. Lucas.....	670	670	120	.....	55	55	5	5	10	10	740	.....	1	8	65	2	1	.....
Fulton.....	Geo. D. Egner.....	950	950	150	.....	80	29	11	.....	28	5	987	82	3	16	150	.....	4	.....
Geddes.....	Wm. A. Green.....	1200	1200	200	.....	100	100	17	17	30	20	1337	10	2	27	197	8	19	8
Gregory.....	W. T. Ferguson.....	944	944	144	.....	80	80	14	14	24	24	1062	.....	2	21	285	2	15	5
Iona Circuit.....	Karel K. Mansveld.....	525	450	25	75	50	13	8	.....	15	.....	463	135	3	13	103	.....	.....	.....
Kimball.....	T. J. Black.....	944	944	144	.....	80	70	8	8	24	4	1026	30	1	11	146	.....	6	.....
Kennebeck.....	Albert W. Percy.....	600	635	150	.....	34	34	.....	.....	.....	.....	669	.....	2	13	71	.....	.....	.....
Letcher.....	Ed. E. Holmes.....	1100	1100	100	.....	100	100	10	5	33	10	1215	37	2	18	151	1	1	.....
McClure.....	James T. Gurney.....	76	76	.....	.....	3	3	.....	.....	100	100	79	.....	1	4	30	16	14	50
Mitchell.....	J. S. Hoagland.....	3400	3400	600	.....	250	250	25	25	100	100	3775	.....	1	50	1400	16	14	50
Mt. Vernon.....	W. N. Potter.....	1460	1460	360	.....	110	110	19	19	33	33	1622	.....	1	16	155	5	5	.....
Murdo.....	C. B. Harrold.....	890	890	.....	.....	80	80	14	14	24	24	1008	.....	1	15	115	.....	13	12
Platt-Dunlap.....	T. H. Trevithick.....	1400	1400	200	.....	120	120	20	20	36	36	1576	.....	2	21	170	.....	2	2
Plankinton.....	W. E. Gale.....	1175	1175	175	.....	100	100	17	17	30	30	1322	.....	1	17	200	15	4	.....
Presho.....	Jens Jensen.....	450	450	.....	.....	45	45	6	.....	12	.....	495	18	1	10	45	.....	2	.....
Puckwana and Bijou Hills.....	Myron Refield.....	650	650	.....	.....	65	65	11	10	15	5	730	11	2	8	55	.....	3	.....
Springfield.....	T. W. Bradley.....	850	850	200	.....	65	65	10	.....	20	4	919	26	1	12	70	.....	3	.....
Tripp-Delmont.....	W. O. Redfield.....	1200	1200	250	.....	100	100	12	12	32	37	1349	.....	3	21	237	5	9	.....
Tyndall.....	S. H. Shurtleff.....	1160	1160	260	.....	90	90	16	16	27	27	1293	.....	1	14	80	5	2	.....
Vivian.....	S. W. Howell.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	16	100	.....	.....	.....
Wagner.....	E. T. Underwood.....	1150	1150	150	.....	100	80	18	10	30	24	1264	34	1	18	197	.....	3	.....
White Lake.....	R. B. Hughes.....	1215	1215	240	97	97	12	12	27	15	1339	12	2	20	224
Winner.....	N. S. Crowder.....	750	750	150	60	60	8	18	2	812	24	1	12	130	4

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	Probationers.		Full Members.				Senior Members.	Junior Members.	Churches	Estimated Value.	Parsonages.	Estimated Value.	Pd. for Build. and Imp. on Church and Parsonage	Pd. on Old. Indebt. on Churches and Parsonages.	Present Indebt. on Churches and Parsonages.	Current Expenses Light, Etc. Sexton, Fuel,	Quadrrennium. Apportioned for	Paid this Year.	Balance due for Quadrrennium.
	Enrolled During Year	Now on Roll	Members on Roll.	Non-res. Members.	Local Preachers	Deaths Dur. Year.													
Alexandria.....		17	22				48		2	72000	1	22000	45		125	300	39	13	26
Armour.....			22						1	27000	1	20000	400	325	170	200	15		15
Bridgewater.....			10						1	35000		20000	75			45			7
Chamberlain.....			6						1	35000		20000	150			125			10
Colome.....	3	3	3						1	35000		20000				125		5	11
Dallas.....		3	3						1	25000		7000	124	200	1000	74	12	4	8
Danton.....		6	3						1	6000								1	
Dudley.....			3						1	18000						60			
Ethan.....			3						2	32000	1	1800	1661		258	130	12		12
Farmer.....	4		3				33	9	1	15000						32	6	2	4
Fairfax and St. Charles.....	2		3	2					1	25000	1	15000		135	100	35	9	2	7
Fulton.....			3						3	40000	1	16000	1600		175	65	9	2	7
Geddes.....	7	3	10				21		2	70000	1	30000	2000			236	21	7	14
Gregory.....	10	4	9	14		1	44	35	1	35000	1	12500	50	75	325	97	15	5	10
Iona Circuit.....	6	6	3	4					1	20000			30	18	182	20	9		9
Kimball.....	22		3				25		1	30000	1	15000	140	140		150	16	4	12
Kennebeck.....	2		3						1	20000	1	2697	25		1467	45			
Letcher.....			4	24		1	17		1	15000	1	10000		50		80	12	2	10
McClure.....	1	1	1	1					1	5000	1	5000							
Mitchell.....	60	31	11	175	15		150	100	1	80000	1	75000	1500	2500	12000	2500	80	25	60
Mt. Vernon.....	33	1	12	24	1	4	20		1	50000	1	30000	12		95	125	18	6	12
Murdo.....	8	12	7			1	42	40	1	35000				90	95	100	9	3	6
Platt-Dunlap.....	12	2	19	6	1	1	49		2	85000	1	21000	25	200	30	200	30	4	26
Plankinton.....	15	4	15	9			24		1	40000	1	25000	192		30	140	24	8	16
Presho.....			30				25		1	37500							50		
Puckwana and Bijou Hills.....			33		1				2	30000	1	20000			250		12		12
Springfield.....	1	6	35	5			30		2	28000	1	30000	200	200	1200	80		4	
Tripp-Delmont.....			11	10			52		3	80000	1	30000	150	445	375	300	24	3	21
Tyndall.....	5		66	2		1	20		1	80000	1	48000	45		2800	150	18		18
Vivian.....																35			
Wagner.....			156	35			33	15	2	50000	1	10000		156	379	90	21	5	16
White Lake.....	20		66	15	1	1	16		2	67000	1	30000	55	60	500	137	18	4	14
Winner.....			63				25		1	40000	1	20000		500	1400	150			
	181	103	3482	361	19	26	674	199	42	197850	25	56157	10049	5464	24156	5849	513	110	363

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.										SUNDAY SCHOOLS			BAPTISMS					
		Support of Pastor				Support of District Supts.		Support of Bishops		Support of Conf. Claimants		Total paid for Ministerial support.	Total deficiency.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Total Enrollment in all Depts.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	Bap. Children und. Ins. as Probationers.	
		Total claim including house rent.	Total paid including house rent.	Rental value of parsonage.	Deficiency.	Claim.	Paid.	Claim.	Paid.	Claim.	Paid.									
Alcester.....	H. D. Seastrand	850	850	150		70	70	7	7	14	14									
Beresford.....	G. D. Brown	1380	1380	180		120	120	21	21	21	21									
Canistota.....	I. P. Potter	1044	1044	144		90	90	18	18	36	36									
Canton.....	E. E. Hunt	1560	1710	360		120	120	21	21	36	36									
Centerville.....	J. R. Krins	850	850	100		75	75	14	14	24	24									
Colton.....	P. I. King	920	890	120	30	80	77	15	14	24	20									
Davis.....	G. H. Book	1100	1100	100		90	90	27	27	9	9									
Dell Rapids.....	A. P. Janes	1200	1200	200		100	100	10	17	20	20									
Egan.....	O. M. Hyde	1150	1150	150		100	100	20	20	30	30									
Elk Point.....	H. E. Rice	1150	1240	150		90	90	10	10	20	20									
Garretson.....	P. V. Brethorst	620	670	120		50	50	10	11	10	10									
Gayville.....	C. H. Graf	1380	1380	180		120	120	15	15	36	36									
Harrisburg.....	O. P. Jackson	850	850	100		75	75	13	13	22	22									
Hartford.....	Wm. N. Dellar	1390	1390	240		115	115	20	20	34	33									
Hudson.....	Arthur Pitman	800		150																
Hurley.....	W. S. Rowden	1000	1000	120		88	88	15	15	26	26									
Lennox.....	A. H. Beardsley	450	450	100		35	35	3	3	7	7									
Montrose.....	Harry B. Nash	500	500	120		50	50	5		15	15									
Parker.....	H. P. Eberhart	1400	1400	200		120	120	21	21	26	24									
Salem.....	Paul Gardner	1300	1300	200		110	110	19	19	33	33									
Scotland.....	John Kaye	1150	1150	150		75	75	10	10	30	30									
Sioux Falls—																				
First Church...	J. W. Potter	3000	3000	600		240	240	52	52	72	48									
Jordan Church...	J. B. Dibble	1090	1090	240		85	85	8	8	25	25									
Valley Springs...	G. W. Gage	750	750			75	75	13	13	13	20									
Vermillion.....	T. B. Wilbar	1440	1440	240		140	140	28	28	42	42									
Wakonda.....	E. E. Saxton	1325	1473	225		110	110	23	23	36	36									
Yankton.....	W. A. Black	1600	1600	200		140	140	28	14	46	46									
		31249	30957	4839	30	2563	2560	446	418	731	656	345	111	151	42	508	6108	158	184	101

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SIoux FALLS DISTRICT.

G. W. Rosenberry, Dist. Supt.

Name of Charge.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.						EPWTH LEAGUE	CHURCH PROPERTY								GEN. CONF. EXPENSES.			
	Probationers.		Full Members.					Churches	Estimated Value.	Parsonages.	Estimated Value.	Pd. for Build. and Imp. on Church and Parsonage	Pd. on Old. Indebt. on Churches and Parsonages.	Present Indebt. on Churches and Parsonages.	Current Expenses Sexton, Fuel, Light, Etc.	Apportioned for Quadrennium.	Paid this Year.	Balance due for Quadrennium.	
	Enrolled During Year	Now on Roll	Members on Roll.	Non-res. Members.	Local Preachers	Deaths Dur. Year.													Senior Members.
Alcester.....	8	8	55	1	..	..	19	..	2	3000	1	1500	..	180	..	100	..	1	..
Beresford.....	41	12	97	20	..	1	12	..	1	4600	1	1500	..	..	..	221	..	..	..
Canistota.....	14	14	140	4	..	2	45	..	2	4500	1	2200	33.	..	..	125	..	..	..
Canton.....	3	5	238	12	..	1	35	..	1	5000	1	5000	50	..	..	290	..	..	..
Centerville.....	11	2	62	17	..	..	14	..	1	6000	1	1000	..	..	..	210	..	..	..
Colton.....	4	4	61	7	..	..	50	..	1	4000	1	1200	..	100	..	150	..	..	..
Davis.....	14	2	60	..	..	..	..	..	1	3000	1	1200	..	..	250	100	..	..	..
Dell Rapids.....	3	1	124	5	..	1	30	..	1	3500	1	2000	1333	..	..	165	..	..	..
Egan.....	..	2	159	16	..	..	32	..	1	7000	1	1400	755	..	600	235	..	..	..
Elk Point.....	..	..	124	6	..	3	32	..	2	6500	1	1650	1500	..	..	175	..	2	..
Garretson.....	10	10	42	3	..	..	50	..	1	4500	1	1000	1125	..	..	100	..	..	..
Gayville.....	26	..	137	15	..	3	70	..	2	5000	1	2000	1500	..	..	150	..	3	..
Harrisburg.....	16	8	67	..	..	1	40	..	1	2200	1	1000	..	..	..	80	..	..	..
Hartford.....	2	8	180	10	..	1	48	..	2	5800	1	3500	..	..	400	430	..	3	..
Hudson.....	20	..	78	..	..	..	50	..	2	4000	1	1500	150	350	..	75	..	..	..
Hurley.....	7	6	138	30	..	3	35	..	2	5500	1	1500	250	..	..	160	..	..	..
Lennox.....	..	..	26	5	..	..	25	..	1	3000	1	1500	150	..	..	100	..	..	..
Montrose.....	4	..	58	..	..	1	34	..	1	2500	1	1600	140	50	175	80	..	..	..
Parker.....	..	9	210	18	..	2	56	..	1	7000	1	2500	225	100	..	300	..	..	..
Salem.....	83	153	150	2	..	1	27	..	1	5500	1	2500	2000	..	..	81	..	..	..
Scotland.....	2	2	85	..	..	1	22	..	1	4500	1	3000	250	..	150	110	..	..	..
Sioux Falls—																			
First Church...	30	14	750	45	1	1	126	50	1	17000	1	5000	..	..	..	..	40	10	20
Jordan Church.	1	5	84	12	..	1	..	..	1	2000	1	2500	..	100	900	200	..	..	..
Valley Springs...	10	6	96	2	..	1	..	..	3	7300	1	1000	321	..	..	150	..	5	..
Vermillion.....	..	36	308	23	..	2	75	40	1	12000	1	3000	..	..	700	560	..	..	..
Wakonda.....	2	5	73	..	..	..	76	..	3	10000	1	3000	360	555	240	167	..	..	..
Yankton.....	..	20	200	24	1	2	50	..	1	12000	1	2500	369	698	750	696	..	2	..
	311	339	3802	277	13	32	1059	245	40	156900	27	57250	5398	2243	4765	5210	40	35	20

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WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

O. E. Boyce, Dist. Supt.

		MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.												SUNDAY SCHOOLS		BAPTISMS			
Name of Change.	Name of Pastor.	Support of Pastors				Supts. of District Supts.		Support of Bishops		Support of Claimants		Total paid for Min- isterial support.	Total deficiency.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Total Enrollment in all Depts.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	Bap. Children und. as Probationers.
		Total claim includ- ing house rent.	Total paid includ- ing house rent.	Rental value of parsonage.	Deficiency.	Claim.	Paid.	Claim.	Paid.	Claim.	Paid.								
Arlington.....	R. E. Tarleton	1350	1350	250	.....	110	110	18	18	22	22	1500	.....	1	19	175	6	12	12
Bradley.....	W. J. Dudgeon	900	900	100	.....	80	80	14	14	24	24	1018	.....	1	20	141	12	12	12
Brookings.....	R. A. Bruce	1640	1640	240	.....	140	140	24	24	42	42	1846	.....	1	25	450	12	30	30
Bruce.....	Frank Tanner	750	750	100	.....	65	65	12	12	20	20	847	.....	1	18	280	.....	7	3
Castlewood.....														1	11	150	.....	.....	.....
Chester.....	C. B. Dennison	636	636	180	.....	50	50	12	12	15	15	713	.....	2	9	290	6	11	.....
Clark.....	L. L. Layne	1450	1450	250	.....	120	120	21	21	36	36	1627	.....	2	13	1230	.....	.....	.....
Clear Lake.....	John Wood	892	892	192	.....	70	70	7	7	21	21	990	.....	1	13	1230	.....	3	.....
Coleman.....	Carl Skinner	770	770	120	.....	65	65	11	11	19	19	875	.....	2	18	1500	2	10	.....
DeSmet.....	John N. Oakley	820	820	120	.....	70	70	14	6	21	11	907	.....	1	9	800	.....	4	.....
Doland.....	L. W. Darling	1300	1300	300	.....	100	100	18	10	30	20	1430	18	2	36	327	3	10	.....
Elkton.....														3	15	1500	.....	.....	.....
Florence.....	D. G. Radcliffe	625	625	.....	.....	62	62	11	11	20	20	718	.....	1	7	330	2	1	13
Flandreau.....	A. W. Thurston	1250	1250	250	.....	100	100	20	20	30	30	1400	.....	2	18	267	.....	17	9
Flandreau Ct.	D. C. Armes	125	100	.....	25	12	12	2	2	3	4	118	24	2	8	142	.....	.....	.....
Frankfort.....	C. C. Boslaugh	950	698	150	252	80	64	14	11	24	19	792	276	2	20	142	9	6	.....
Garden City.....	R. G. Minkler	1150	1150	150	.....	100	100	20	20	30	34	1304	.....	1	24	2000	.....	3	.....
Gary.....	Fred Rawlinson	1200	1200	250	.....	95	95	17	17	29	29	1341	.....	1	17	154	2	9	.....
Hazel-Thomas.....	B. W. McEldowney	1180	1180	180	.....	100	100	20	20	30	30	1330	.....	2	21	144	1	10	3
Henry.....	Fred H. Ray	1200	1200	200	.....	100	100	17	17	30	30	1347	.....	2	21	190	5	19	10
Howard.....	A. S. Loveall	1300	1300	300	.....	100	100	18	18	30	30	1448	.....	1	15	800	.....	10	.....
Junius.....	John Ebert	990	990	120	.....	87	87	21	21	25	25	1123	.....	1	9	500	.....	.....	.....
Lake Preston.....	Eralza A. Bennett	980	980	180	.....	80	80	14	14	24	24	1098	.....	1	20	124	.....	2	.....
Madison.....	A. E. Buriff	1640	1640	240	.....	140	140	28	28	46	46	1854	.....	1	27	233	35	3	24
Mortz-Lake Alice.	John Wood	170	170	.....	.....	60	60	10	10	18	18	170	.....	1	7	57	16	2	.....
Oldham.....	Anthony L. Wilson	600	600	.....	.....	14	14	2	2	3	3	152	.....	1	12	125	8	6	.....
Trenton.....	R. A. Bruce	133	133	.....	.....	180	180	31	31	54	58	2469	.....	1	39	579	11	60	75
Watertown.....	Franklin F. Lewis	2200	2200	400	.....	110	110	19	19	33	22	1431	.....	1	16	161	1	6	.....
White.....	H. G. Ozanne	1280	1280	180	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
		27481	27204	4452	277	2290	2291	415	396	679	663	30553	318	40	495	4754	114	221	149

Statisticians' Report.

WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

O. E. Boyce, Dist. Supt.

Name of Charge.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.						EPW'TH LEAGUE		CHURCH PROPERTY								GEN. CONF. EXPENSES.		
	Probationers.		Full Members.				Senior Members.	Junior Members.	Churches	Estimated Value.	Parsonages.	Estimated Value.	Pd. for Build. and Imp. on Church and Parsonage	Pd. on Old. Indebt. on Churches and Parsonages.	Present Indebt. on Churches and Parsonages.	Current Expenses Sexton, Fuel, Light, Etc.	Apportioned for Quadrennium.	Paid this Year.	Balance due for Quadrennium.
	Enrolled During Year	Now on Roll	Members on Roll.	Non-res. Members.	Local Preachers	Deaths Dur. Year.													
Arlington.....	6	...	106	...	1	1	34	25	1	3500	1	5000	100	...	140	198	15	5	10
Bradley.....	12	7	69	2	4000	1	1200	275	...	100	90	6	2	4
Brookings.....	1	...	380	10	...	2	100	...	1	25000	1	4000	...	...	1000	30	10	20
Bruce.....	1	...	47	3	...	...	24	...	1	25000	1	1000	...	132	139	6	2	4
Castlewood.....	10	33	500	17	...	...	...	...	1	25000	1	2000	...	...	1050	...	...	...
Chester.....	38	266	202	...	...	1	33	22	2	11000	1	2000	140	...	275	108	...	...
Clark.....	20	2	67	11	...	2	24	25	1	3000	1	2000	33	...	800	225	21	14	
Clear Lake.....	2	...	87	2	...	...	...	...	1	5000	1	2000	147	...	...	115	6	6
Coleman.....	2	...	52	...	1	1	10	...	1	3000	1	1000	125	...	...	123	6	4
DeSmet.....	6	3	154	3	...	...	41	85	1	7000	1	4000	200	...	...	225	15	10
Doland.....	15	15	40	12	...	...	...	...	2	3500	...	...	...	...	...	60	...	...
Elkton.....	3	11	50	...	...	2	61	...	1	4000	1	2500	275	...	420	40	...	...
Florence.....	...	...	191	...	1	...	...	...	1	5600	...	...	243	...	...	335	15	10
Flandreau.....	9	...	34	...	...	...	...	...	1	1000	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	...
Flandreau Ct.....	26	15	92	...	...	1	40	33	1	2000	1	2300	...	...	325	100	6	4
Frankfort.....	9	12	144	22	...	3	36	...	1	7500	1	2000	150	...	...	205	15	10
Garden City.....	9	17	201	43	...	11	30	25	2	600	1	2600	185	...	335	150	15	11	
Gary.....	9	13	149	4	...	1	20	...	2	4500	1	2600	113	...	136	125	15	10	
Hazel-Thomas.....	34	13	156	19	1	...	20	...	2	5500	1	2000	675	...	350	201	15	10	
Henry.....	1	...	107	3	1	...	12	...	1	3500	1	3000	110	300	900	...	16	12	
Howard.....	15	...	55	...	...	...	...	...	1	2000	1	1200	225	...	35	125	6	4
Junius.....	...	2	54	10	1	...	25	15	1	7000	1	2000	50	...	1240	122	9	6	
Lake Preston.....	84	37	337	74	...	2	48	...	1	25000	1	1500	...	...	...	848	24	10
Madison.....	...	...	20	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42	3	1
Mortz-Lake Alice.	12	4	40	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oldham.....	12	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Trenton.....	108	35	515	56	...	4	60	150	1	16000	1	6000	...	500	...	500	54	18	
Watertown.....	6	11	123	70	1	...	15	...	1	3000	1	1800	11	...	...	237	15	5
White.....	426	222	3574	359	8	33	648	380	36	164000	22	55800	4308	2530	6106	5408	394	108	215

		MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.												SUNDAY SCHOOLS		BAPTISMS			
Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor.	Support of Pastors				Support of District Support		Support of Bishops		Support of Claimants		Total paid for Ministerial support.	Total deficiency.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Total Enrollment in all Depts.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	Bap. Children und. Ins. as Probationers.
		Total claim including house rent.	Total paid including house rent.	Rental value of parsonage.	Deficiency.	Claim.	Paid.	Claim.	Paid.	Claim.	Paid.								
Belle Fourche	J. A. McCurdy	840	840	240	...	42	42	...	4	...	4	890	...	1	12	150	...	2	...
Belvidere-Nowlin	Fred Lonsdale	...	161	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	170	...	...	...	30	...	...	...
Boneita Springs	J. C. Baker	300	105	...	195	30	10	...	2	...	1	118	205	...	22	96	2	4	...
Buffalo Gap	G. W. Prather	250	250	...	...	25	14	...	2	...	...	266	11	1	4	24	1	1	...
Creston.																			
Capata, etc	R. C. McReynolds	275	190	...	85	27	12	...	...	2	2	204	100	2	14	60	...	2	...
Custer-Pringle	E. J. Fish	630	630	180	...	45	35	...	3	...	...	660	20	...	17	90	...	1	...
Deadwood	J. A. Edwards	1550	1550	350	...	84	54	10	10	...	...	1649	...	1	12	140	...	15	15
Edgemont	Homer W. Minish	1180	1180	180	...	56	56	...	...	4	4	1270	...	1	14	130	...	...	...
Harding	A. G. Campbell	400	263	...	137	40	11	...	1	...	...	300	158	2	15	60	...	3	...
Hot Springs	F. E. White	1350	1350	150	...	84	84	...	...	10	10	1499	...	1	21	190	...	6	...
Lead	W. J. Waltz	1500	1500	300	...	84	84	6	6	...	...	1525	...	1	20	360	...	21	14
Lemmon	P. H. McBeth	300	50	...	250	30	5	4	2	...	2	59	277	2	18	90	...	2	...
Marietta, Mid-land and Capa.	H. L. Case	...	53	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	1	55	...	1	5	25	...	...	...
Newell	C. G. Wagoner	300	160	...	140	30	19	...	...	...	...	181	151	1	10	90	...	...	...
New Underwood	L. F. Troutman	...	100	...	...	...	4	2	2	...	...	104	...	2	9	60	...	2	...
Oelrichs and Wayside	D. G. Evans	500	440	100	60	42	21	4	3	4	1	465	85	2	17	119	2	1	...
Philip	F. M. Faith	700	450	100	250	60	11	6	...	...	1	462	305	1	9	49	1	1	...
Piedmont-Tilford	L. F. Gillespie	248	248	84	...	8	8	2	...	...	...	256	...	2	14	60	...	...	...
Quinn and Wall	John W. Hartley	400	343	...	57	40	24	...	2	...	...	369	71	2	10	60	...	7	...
Rapid City	C. E. Matteson	1500	1500	300	...	84	84	...	...	...	...	1589	...	2	20	251	...	10	...
Sansarc-Hays	C. M. Weirauch	300	300	...	...	30	21	3	3	3	3	327	9	2	12	60	...	...	...
Spearfish	C. E. Hager	1400	1400	300	...	77	77	5	5	...	10	1792	...	1	16	225	16	10	32
Smithwick-Oral	Roy Palmer	450	389	...	61	30	15	...	...	...	...	404	76	2	12	40	...	7	...
Sturgis-Whitewood	W. E. Hartung	900	900	150	...	53	33	...	...	...	2	960	...	2	19	171	4	16	...
Sundance, Wyo.	P. J. Lawson	720	844	120	...	42	33	...	...	...	...	1002	...	3	20	120	...	1	...
Terry	S. M. Davis	...	300	80	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	382	...	1	10	75	...	...	...
Terryville-Central	P. H. Weston	720	670	120	50	30	5	...	...	...	...	675	75	2	24	149	4	4	...
Timberlake																			
and Isabel	Lester Davis	376	232	...	144	37	8	...	...	...	...	240	173	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wasta	L. C. Baker	110	110	...	...	10	2	...	...	...	...	112	8	1	5	30	...	2	...
		17199	16523	2754	1429	1120	841	28	67	29	59	17893	1726	47	386	3005	53	122	73

Name of Charge.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.						EPW'TH LEAGUE	CHURCH PROPERTY								GEN. CONF. EXPENSES.				
	Probationers.		Full Members.					Senior Members.	Junior Members.	Churches	Estimated Value.	Parsonages.	Estimated Value.	Pd. for Build. and Imp. on Church and Parsonage	Pd. on Old. Indebt. on Churches and Parsonages.	Present Indebt. on Churches and Parsonages.	Current Expenses Sexton, Fuel, Light, Etc.	Apportioned for Quadrennium.	Paid this Year.	Balance due for Quadrennium.
	Enrolled During Year	Now on Roll	Members on Roll.	Non-res. Members.	Local Preachers	Deaths Dur. Year.														
Belle Fourche	2	4	68				25	1	5000	1	2000		200		15					
Belvidere-Nowlin			16		1			2	400					1100	16					
Bonetta Springs	12	12	38		1				1250											
Buffalo Gap	1	1	26		1				110			500		100	20					
Creston,																				
Capata, etc			59			1		3	320			700	270	725	27					
Custer-Pringle	1		65	10	1	1	15	1	1500	1	1500	200			23					
Deadwood	15	14	110			1		1	1500	1	3500	60			200					
Edgemont	33	33	101		1	1	15	47	500	1	2000	100		1380	25					
Harding	5	5	44	14			17	1	320						45					
Hot Springs	16		136	5	1		20	12	350	1	1500	400			110					
Lead	12		210	39	4		55	90	1000	1	2000	35	300	5000	450					
Lemmon	1	1	33	3	1				150	1										
Marietta, Mid-																				
land and Capa.	2		12						270			15	155	250	15					
Philip			38						160	1	500	600			50					
New Underwood	2	2	30				23	1	100						35					
Oelrichs and																				
Wayside	1	2	47			1	25	18	200	1	500				52					
Newell			77	49	1	2	20	1	300		1000	62			110					
Piedmont-Tilford			9	5			20		300	1	1400	550			20					
Quinn and Wall			60	12				2	400	1	800	312		800	21					
Rapid City	10	5	150	20		1	82		1100	1	3500	75	463	200	175					
Sansare-Hays			277		1	1	10		250	1	200	225			15					
Spearfish	40	34	145	28		3	45		400	1	3000				205					
Smithwick-Oral			71	9		1			80						10					
Sturgis-Whitewo	3	3	161	53		3	33	35	500	1	2000	100	75	336	120					
Sundance, Wyo.	4	9	55	13		2	35		500	1	1200				75					
Terry			3						100	1	500				120					
Terryville-Central																				
Timberlake		41	41		2	1			1800			60			90					
and Isabel			22		2										20					
Wasta	9		9						800						15					
	141	138	1863	269	17	26	455	212	45	107750	18	27600	3994	2843	10514	2713		5		

DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES

Name of Charge.	MISSIONS						EDUCATION			BOARD OF S. S.		*CONF. CLAIM		Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman Home Mis. So		Am. Bible Society	City Mis. or Ch. Ex. Soc.	Central Office Exp.	Meth. Brotherhood Dues	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	
	Board of Foreign Missions			Bd. of Home Miss. and Ch. Exten.			Board of Education			Church	Sunday Schools (Total)	Claimants (Chicago) Board of Conference	Annual Conf. Inv.		Church Temperance Society	Cash						Supplies
	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	Freedmen's Aid Society	Public Educational Collection	Children's Fund														Conf. Educational Collection
Aberdeen	232	215		188			32		15	144	10			549	182						1580	
Andover	233	5	63	12		63	13	6	2	31	33	19		3	48						304	
Ashton	133		2	10			10	1	2	10	22		10	1							74	
Bath	230	53	10	30		4	4			20	28	1		66							220	
Big Stone City	19	24	10	67			13	7	12	35	10		3	174							435	
Bowdle	3						1	6		4				1							19	
Bristol			42	70		36	6			20				95							308	
Britton	22		10	23		10	14	10	4	48	6	5	12	151							368	
Claremont	24			40			6	1		9	6			1							329	
Conde	48			14			5	8	10	45	4			5	6						177	
Corona	12			14			1	6	5	24	4			1							95	
Cresbard	6			5		8	1	4		12		12		1							54	
DeVoe			15	15	55				8					30							108	
Frederick	155			15			7			14				2						1	54	
Groton	338	15	23	39		22	10	6	8	24	3			341							340	
Hecla	231			18			4		33	12				55							68	
Langford	233	45	3	18			6		4	10				29					2		149	
Leola	5			5						5				1							15	
Mellette								2				1									33	
Milbank	140	20	20	130		20	25	14	5	56	16	4		5	206			5		2	66	
Northville			2			2			5		33	1			44						88	
Redfield	117		132	110		10	17		10	75	10	7		3	126	74	16	6		3	597	
Selby	7		3	6		3	4		6	77	2	3	7								57	
Sisaceton	109	20		95			16		2	62	12			3	289			6		3	597	
Summit	10			8			1	1			1							1			22	
Waubay	3		5	22		5	1			4		1		1							27	
Webster	20			20			9	3		15											6	
Westport	6			5			2					1			3						17	
White Rock	59		9	59			10			31	8							4		2	190	
	1130	398	242	989	55	202	223	77	107	717	108	68	37	3	40	2218	310	16	56	29	7025	

*By vote of Conference this collection was transferred to local Board. See p. 27.

Treasurer's Report.

HURON DISTRICT.

G. T. Notson, Dist. Supt.

DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES

Name of Charge.	MISSIONS						Freedmen's Aid Society	EDUCATION			BOARD OF S. S.		CONF. CLAIM.		Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman Home Mis. So		City Mis. or Ch. Ex. Soc.	Central Office Exp.	Meth. Brotherhood Dues	Total Disciplinary Benevolences
	Board of Foreign Missions			Bd. of Home Miss. and Ch. Exten.				Board of Education			Sunday Schools (Total)	Claimants (Chicago) Board of Conference	Annual Conf. Inv. Church Temperance Society	Cash		Supplies	Am. Bible Society				
	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools		Public Educational Collection	Children's Fund	Children's Fund Collection												Church
Agar-Gorman	92	35	12	80		11	16	8	5	93	10	10					55				455
Alpena	55	50	4	50			12		10	32											333
Artesian																					46
Blunt-Harrold																					33
Broadland	13		3	9		3	2	2		10		1						1			45
Burdette	14			14			4	6	3	1	3										29
Carpenter	15		5	20	12	5	6	4	12	18	6								2		133
Esmond	60			52			8	4		6	6								1		29
Faulton	15	100		60			10	4	8	60	8			11			11				33
Gettysburg	8		5	55		5						1									24
Highmore	12			12			2	2	2	9		1		2							44
Hitchcock	40		15	34		15	4	7	11	29	6			1							33
Huron	208	115	12	240			38	32	7	204	27	2		2							121
Iroquois	30	5		25		5	4	4		28	2			1							108
Lane and Viola	50		4	42			6	4	7	20	2	3		1							155
Miller	25			25			4			20				1							62
Pearl Creek	10			15			5	3	6	25	2										133
Pierre	60	35	20	60		20	12	5		37	4	8									43
Rockham				55			10	5		20											63
Roswell	45	2	7	25	26	7	8	4	15	49	4	2		1							206
Seneca			3	1		2	2		3	2		2									16
St. Lawrence	20			15			3		3	20		2									76
Tulare	60		5	49		6	9		7	35	5	2		1							184
Wessington	10	23		5		2	6	3		27		1									79
Wess'ton Springs	465		132	266		50	30		10	118	5	20									1724
Wolsey	10			10			3			25		1									50
Woonsocket	52			52			7		6	17		7									215
	1369	365	229	1191	38	131	211	137	127	906	90	65	14	29	1536	118	29	62	14		6661

DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES

Name of Charge.	MISSIONS						Freedmen's Aid Society	EDUCATION			BOARD OF S. S.		CONF. CLAIM.		Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Miss Society		Am. Bible Society	City Mis. or Ch. Ex. Soc.	Central Office Exp.	Meth. Brotherhood Dues	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	
	Board of Foreign Missions			Ed. of Home Miss. and Ch. Exten.				Board of Education			Church	Sunday Schools (Total)	Claimants (Chicago) Board of Conference	Annual Conf. Inv.		Church Temper.	Cash						Supplies
	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools		Public Educational Collection	Conf. Educational Collection	Conf. Educational Collection													
Alexandria.	100	23	8	67	31	8	21	10	5	101	16	1	1	1	4	163	51	53	2		2		673
Armour.	16		4	14		3	3	1		26	1		1		1		3	3	1		1		773
Bridgewater.		2													1								8
Chamberlain.	47			41			6	4		17	3				1				1				124
Colome.	6		8	33		5	1	1		1									1				30
Dallas.								2			2								1				10
Danton.							3			4													17
Dudley.	33			29			1	2															5
Ethan.	18						4	4			1												29
Fairfax.	15			15			3	5															39
Farmer.	33	50	3	33		4	3	1	4	3		2			1		2		1				99
Fulton.	21			19			3	3		31					1								84
Geddes.	25			25			4	4		20			5			37			1		1		126
Gregory.	20			10		5	4	4		10			4		1				2				63
Iona and Hamil.																							3
Kennebec.																							3
Kimball.	23		5	17		3		3					5			14							74
Letcher.	18		5	15		4		1		10					1				1				61
Mitchell.	32	238	10	400		10	33	46	10	1338	103	10	10	192	5	1165	408	75	5		5		4297
Mt. Vernon.	56			8	5		13	3	8	10						19							161
Murdo.	38		2	8		2	3	3		10					1		31						79
Plankinton.	32		10	20		9	3	3		25					1	31					1		133
Platte.	32	60		25			16	2	2	20	4				1	41					1		206
Pukwana.								1		42						8							51
Springfield.			6	7																			14
Tripp.	33	32		43			12	7	6	50	10				2	44	5		5				257
Tyndall.	32			26																			61
Wagner.	32			30						20					2						2		158
White Lake.	36	15		30						1					1	20	42	2	3				118
Winner.	5			5			1	1															13
	905	420	61	832	86	60	163	105	67	1729	76	29	21	195	25	1530	578	132	43	5	13		7075

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	Board of Foreign Missions			Ch. Exten. Miss. and Bd. of Home				Bord of Education						Board of Conference Claimants (Chicago)	Annual Conf. Inv.						ance Society Church Temper-	Cash	Supplies
	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools		Public Educational Collection	Children's Fund	Conf. Educational Collection														Church	Sunday Schools (Total)
Alcester.	14		2	12		2	2		1		2						1			83			
Beresford.	69	25	7	60	6		11				4						4			275			
Canistota.	42		12	42			10	6	13	30	1						4			106			
Canton.	63	80	30	70			10	22	15	80							22			113			
Centerville.	74		5	64		5	10	6		9	10						22			130			
Colton.	30			32			6		1		9						4			33			
Davis.	16				14		2	3		2	2						1			9			
Dell Rapids.	109			96			10	9	6	75	6									41			
Egan.	25		5				5			20							1			8			
Elk Point.	50			33			4	3		9	3						1			33			
Garretson.	29	65	13	30		12	6		9	18							2			77			
Gayville.	74			65			11		7	62	4						4			133			
Harrisburg.	36		4	31		3	5		3	25							4			77			
Hartford.	92	80		80			14			83							5			181			
Hudson.										100										100			
Hurley.	40		15				3		6	30	6									162			
Lennox.	11		4	11		4				34	1									118			
Montrose.	15			10			3	12		43										83			
Parker.	120		20	98		20	21	12		88	10						6			713			
Salem.	35		7	23		7	7			58										181			
Scotland.	20			20			2			58										74			
Sioux Falls—																							
First Church.	265	190	220	320		180	60	40	26	235	45			15	416	176				2228			
Jordan Church.	25			17			2			12					34				6	101			
Valley Springs.	56	140	11	48		10	10		11	40					33					357			
Vermillion.	172		10	138		10	27	10	10	94	10				419					275			
Wakonda.	77		6	66		6	12			34					62				3	298			
Yankton.	59	5	21	60		20	15		15	100	15				97					425			
	1618	585	404	1448	20	321	270	133	130	1495	164	66	71	60	2073	307	1	71	33	9270			

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	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools		Public Educational Collection	Children's Fund	Conf. Educational Collection							Church	Sunday Schools (Total)					
Arlington.....	35	28		23		28			25	16		2		1	135	33						367	
Bradley.....			62			50		14	30	28				1	40	21						170	
Brookings.....	163	289	90	133	25	90		15	156	13				1	40	21						1703	
Bruce.....								4	20	4				1	61							170	
Chester.....								1	29	33												103	
Clark.....	95	30	80	152			26	18	9	21				6	75	3						621	
Clear Lake.....	10			10			9	4	68	1												333	
Colman.....	55			46				2	68	14				1	33							234	
DeSmet.....	13			8			17	2		1												36	
Doland.....	114	40		99			17	9	80	10				3	49	66						501	
Elkton.....																						5	
Flandreau.....	105	22	26	82		26	22	4	80	15	35			4	111							528	
Florence.....						5		4	2	2					5							47	
Frankfort.....	17			16					41	6						10						104	
Garden City.....	64	40	40	50		40	16	8	70	10				33	65							434	
Gary.....	26		4	26		4		9	26	33												110	
Hazel.....	120			120			13	16	90	10				33	107	55						554	
Henry.....	115		10	100		8	19	19	55	13					69							433	
Howard.....	30		16	24		16		2	55	4				1								138	
Junius.....	33			26					15	4				1								88	
Lake Preston.....	45			36					19	55				1								118	
Madison.....	102	45	18	82		18	14	11	87	10				2	264	33						705	
Oldham.....			1			1				2				1		80						94	
Riverview.....	7			6					3													21	
Trenton.....	6																		1			24	
Watertown.....	250	10	250	225		230	40	10	158	20	25			2	422							1651	
White.....	116	20	6	100		6	18	8	54	13	1	11		3	175							551	
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	Board of Foreign Missions			Bd. of Home Miss. and Ch. Exten.				Board of Education																			
	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools		Public Educational Collection	Children's Fund	Conf. Educational Collection																	
Belle Fourche.....	15			15					2	3		2		4					117	22		139	4			143	
Belvidere-Nowlin..			1								1		1						4			4				4	
Bonella Springs...	1						1	1						1					9			9				11	
Buffalo Gap.....																											
Creston.....	4												1						10			10				10	
Custr-Pringle....	6		1	6					6			2							28		5	33	3			36	
Deadwood.....	35	15		35	15				4		6								270	12		282	10			297	
Edgemont.....	20	23		44			10		4		4		4						167			167				167	
Harding.....	10		2	10		2			6		3		4						46	23	10	79	1			80	
Hot Springs.....	54	25	14	54	10	13	12		6		2		2	10		112			404			404	5			409	
Lead.....	16		25	5		25	2		6		2		2		31	55	65		245			245	5			250	
Lemmon.....	4			3					2		2		2					1	15			245	5			250	
Marietta.....																											
Midland-Capa....	9			16			1					1				1			29			29	1			30	
Philip.....																							2			2	
Oelrichs.....																											
New Underwood....	3			1			1	1					1			1			10		11	21	3			24	
Philip.....	1			2										1					7		15	22				22	
Piedmont.....	4			4			1		2				1						14	12	5	31	2			33	
Quinn and Wall....																											
Rapid City.....	45	25		40			5		2		11		5			133			344		010	5354	5			5359	
Sancare.....	10			10					1		1		1		2				35			35	3			38	
Spearfish.....	36		14		125		5		5		5		1			40			247	127		374	5			378	
Smithwick-Oral...												2								10	17	27				27	
Sturgis.....	10		5	10		5	5		2		4		2							42		149	5			154	
Sundance.....	10		3	12		2							2			10			44			44	5			49	
Terry.....			2																5			5	1			6	
Terryville-Central							1												1			1				1	
Timberlake-Isabel																											
Wasta.....	1			1															2			2				2	
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Davis	50		
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			1310

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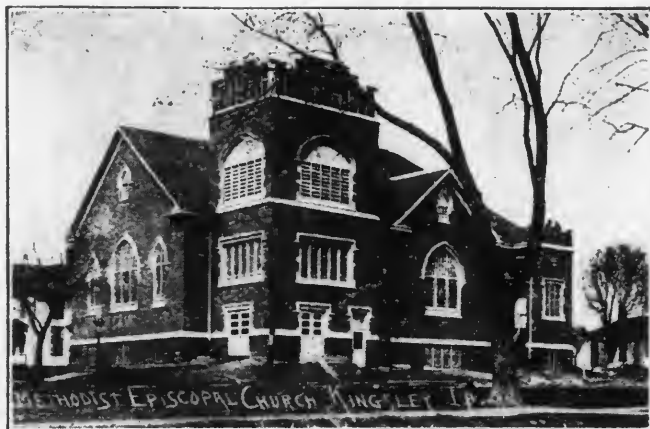
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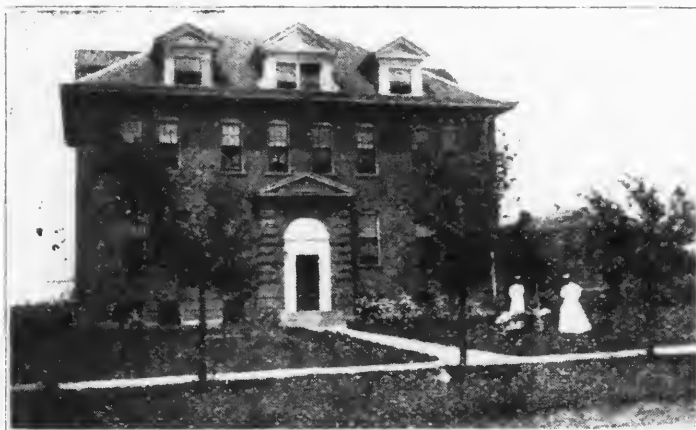
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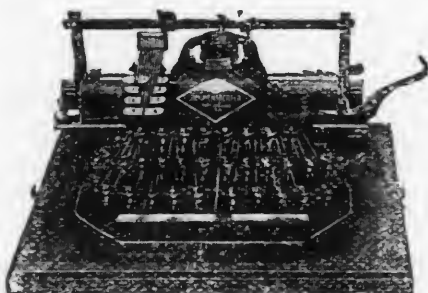


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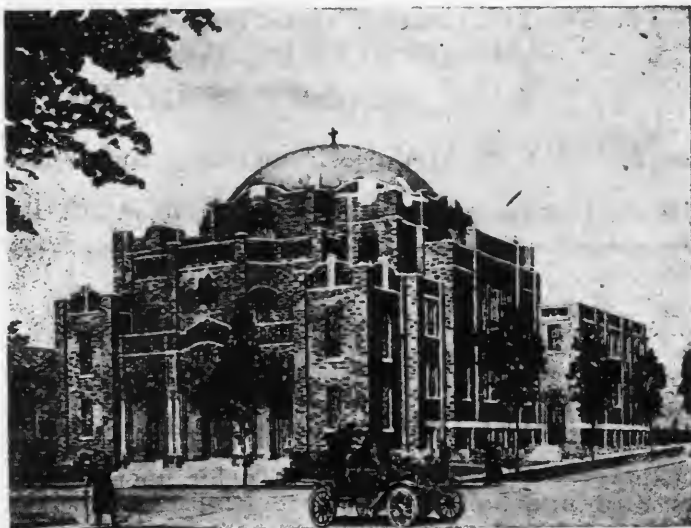
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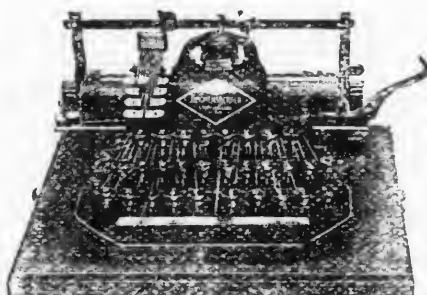


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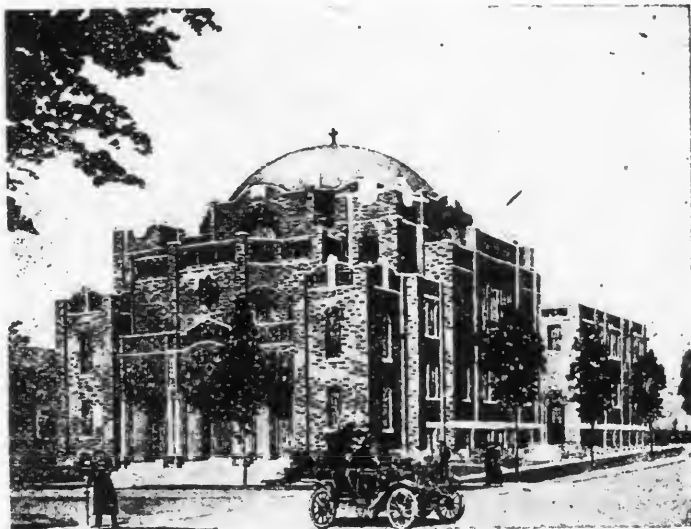
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